

**Town of Northwood  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
September 2, 2014**

Chairman Steve Roy calls the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Stephen Roy, Vice Chairman Steven Hampl, Wini Young, Thomas Chase, Board Administrator Linda Smith, and Board Secretary Lisa Fellows-Weaver.

**Absent:** James Ryan, Alternate Loren O'Neil, Paul Lussier, and Alternate Michael Matson.

**MINUTES**

**August 5, 2014**

**Mr. Roy makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to approve the August 5, 2014, minutes of as amended.**

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**Motion passes; 3/0/1.** Ms. Young abstains as she was not at the meeting.

**CONSIDERATION of APPLICATIONS**

**Expedited Permit**

***598 First NH Turnpike, LLC., 598 First NH Tpke. Map 222; Lot 23.***

Scott Frankiewicz of Brown Engineering and Surveying, is present representing the property owner, Peter Horne.

Mr. Frankiewicz states that he met with the zoning board and was granted the special exception. He notes that the Heritage Bureau report has come back and there are no impacts.

Mr. Roy reviews the outstanding items from the August meeting. He asks if the construction sequence is provided as requested. Mr. Frankiewicz states that he has not included the sequence but will include it with the permit. Mr. Roy notes that Section 2.3, Army Corp form, should be checked off in the application and this is noted as being done. The application is further reviewed and a discussion is held regarding a conditional approval.

**Mr. Roy makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to approve the expedited permit, with the condition that a construction sequence is provided and attached to the permit prior to providing to the town clerk. Motion passes unanimously; 4/0.**

**Permit by Notification**

***Frank Barre, Yankee Clipper Council BSA, Blakes Hill Rd.***

***Map 224; Lot 9.***

Mr. Barre states that the proposal is for beach replenishment. Copies of the application are provided and reviewed. Mr. Barre notes the map showing the property and the water. He explains that the area for the proposed project is

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called the canoe launch and this area needs additional sand replenishment along the edges to prevent erosion as well as safety factors. He adds that the camp season is now over.

Mr. Roy asks if the lake is drawn down yearly. Mr. Barre replies yes. Mr. Roy states that the project would still need to wait until the draw down. Mr. Roy asks how many yards of soil. Mr. Barre replies 10 cubic yards.

The application is reviewed. Mr. Roy reviews the items discussed from the last meeting and adds that there are items that should be provided/included. He states that the project map should include the following:

- Date prepared
- Preparer's name
- Signature of preparer
- Needs scale added
- Dimensions of fill area
- Needs elevation of the lake at full level
- Full lake shoreline and approximate draw down lake shoreline

Mr. Roy refers to the topo map and suggests that the following be added:

- Approximate location noted by arrow of where the impact area is
- Photocopy should be copied as 1-2400

Mr. Barre notes that nothing has been received from the National Heritage Bureau to date.

Mr. Roy states that abutters will need to be notified. He offers to compile some documents and email Mr. Barre. **Mr. Hampl makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to authorize Mr. Roy to compile and send some information to Mr. Barre.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Forest Society***

A discussion is held regarding the forest society *for a donation toward perpetual monitoring*. The NCC received a legal opinion regarding donations and that opinion was forwarded to the forest society. It appears that town counsel was contacted by a member of the society. Apparently they are now requesting counsel comments. Mr. Roy states that he will contact Ryan Young regarding the town's legal opinion and copy town counsel that the forest society incurs the cost to the Town of Northwood. Ms. Smith states that any follow up should be done through staff and then forwarded on to town counsel.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Smith states that the current amount in the land fund is \$52,600.

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**SPECIAL REPORTS**

***Giles Lot Cutting***

Ms. Smith states that she has received a call from Mr. Moreno regarding the cutting of the Giles lot will begin the end of September and will last for 4-6 weeks.

**OTHER**

***Consideration of Potential Zoning Ordinances Changes***

Mr. Roy states that an email was sent out noting that the planning board is seeking input from all committees for possible ordinance changes.

Mr. Roy states that overall he feels each overlay district is in good shape at this time.

Ms. Smith reads Section VI(A)(5)(b), Setbacks. She explains that there are many small lots; many are 50' x 100'. She states that these lots do have a reduced setback of 10 ft. A discussion is held regarding special exceptions. Further discussion is held regarding the variance criteria, and Ms. Smith states that a variance has a higher standard to meet.

Mr. Roy states that he understands non-conforming existing lots getting lesser setbacks to issues not water related. Discussion ensues regarding potential impacts to wetlands and setbacks that should be upheld near waterbodies. Mr. Chase notes that there have been many improvements to septic treatments and available options.

Ms. Smith asks if the commission would like her to provide comment to the planning board that the commission may be considering possible changes to the wetland setbacks and may have comments next month.

Additional discussion is held regarding the process of changing ordinances and proposing to the voters.

***Chandler Subdivision Application***

Ms. Smith thanks Mr. Roy for attending the planning board meeting relative to the Chandler subdivision application. She states that Mr. Roy stated the information on wetlands delineation very well and it was appreciated. Mr. Roy states that a portion of the wetlands will be delineated. Ms. Smith states that this was a huge achievement and these prime wetlands will get the attention they truly deserve.

***Japanese Knotweed Blooming***

Mr. Chase mentions the blooming of Japanese Knotweed and asks if this can be addressed by the commission. Mr. Roy states that he has spoken to the

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planning board chair and perhaps looking into the removal and treatment for land disturbances. He states that it is tough matter to get a handle on. General discussion ensues relative to this invasive species and the fact that it is out of control and no real way to address it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Chase makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Roy seconds. Motion passes unanimously at 8:55 p.m. Motion passes unanimously; 4/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fellows Weaver  
Board Secretary