

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Corner Meeting House

Belmont, New Hampshire

Members Present: K. Knowlton, N. Wederski, G. Wells-Kay, W. Peterson (7:04)
Members Absent: S. Rolfe (e), D. Naiva(e), B. Watterson,(u)
Alternates Present: M. McLetchie
Alternates Absent: M. Lewandoski(u)
Staff: R. Ball, D. Rollins

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. He appointed M. McLetchie as a voting member for tonight's meeting.

BOARD'S ACTION-MINUTES:

MOTION: On a motion by G. Wells-Kay, seconded by M. McLetchie, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting as written. (4-0)

COLISEUM INDOOR SPORTS SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – MAP 205 LOT 47:

Cindy Balcius of NHSC, Inc. and Craig Bailey of Bryan Bailey Associates, Inc. were present to show the members the site plan for Coliseum Sports for the applicants Michael and Tracy LeClair. Ms. Balcius is the wetlands scientist and Mr. Bailey is the engineer on the project. The project is to construct a 75,000 square foot indoor sports facility. The building will be 220' X 340'. The property is on Bishop Road and is a little over 18 acres which has under an acre of wetlands. The impact of 2490 square feet of wetlands for access of parking in and around the building is minimum. They have filed the wetlands application for this. They were at the meeting for two reasons. One was to show the members the wetlands impact. The other reason was to show them the future sewer line and have them take a look at it and get some input. They met with the Sewer Commission and are planning on bringing the sewer from the back of McGreevy's. It will pass through three different properties and will be just over four hundred feet. The Sewer Commission would have liked a gravity sewer line down Bishop Road but they don't have the grades. The alternative is to put in a pump house which will have a temporary wetlands impact to lay the pipe. K. Knowlton asked if the Industrial Park at the beginning of Bishop Road might be interested in connecting to it if the sewer line was brought down Bishop Road. Ms. Balcius said that the only one who expressed any interest is the trailer park

across the street. It would be more expensive for the applicant to come down Bishop Road since it's one thousand feet. They would rather come through the back of the property and use a pump station. W. Peterson said that it would make more sense to go up the road. K. Knowlton agreed. He said he would like to see it go up the road if at all possible and keep it out of the wetlands.

BLUE SKY GRAVEL PIT SITE PLAN APPLICATION – MAP 231 LOT 14:

Howard Warren of Blue Sky Enterprises, Inc. explained to the members his site plan application for a gravel pit located on Hurricane Road. There are two partially reclaimed pits on the 102 acre parcel, one is approximately 7 acres and the other is approximately 16 acres. Their plan is to finish reclamation of the existing pits and then to open, operate and reclaim two new under-45,000 square foot non-contiguous gravel pits. He gave the members handouts with photos of a similar project he is doing in Gilford at the intersection of Belknap Mountain Road and Durrell Mountain Road. That project consists of a series of old unreclaimed pits encompassing approximately 10 acres that need to be reclaimed. Also he will be opening two 40,000 square feet or less pits. He received approval for this project in July 2004 and is currently operating the two approved pits. In 2007 the reclamation portion of that project will be complete.

Mr. Warren said that what he is proposing to do fits in with the character of the neighborhood. The property is in an area that has many abandoned and currently operating gravel pits. He said they will be installing a silt fence, berm and a retention pond. They will collect all the stumps, logs and brush in one area. The first year he plans to get in and finish the road and get it relocated. Then he will open the pits one at a time. He told the members that since they have done a project like this they have experience which they will apply to this one.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY:

All the members have looked at the draft copies of the Natural Resource Inventory and made comments in them. They told R. Ball to send them back to Watershed to Wildlife and if they have any questions they can come and meet with the Commission members.

STAFF REPORT:

TIOGA RIVER WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA:

R. Ball, K. Knowlton and S. Rolfe met with NHDES recently about the wetlands mitigation on this property. DES was glad to hear that the Town of Belmont now owns it. DES plans to go out with the Town onto the property in May or June to see what needs to be done to bring it into compliance. R. Ball said that right now there is no conservation restriction on the property and DES would like to see one. He said the town could possibly deed it to the Conservation Commission. K. Knowlton also suggested that DES would like to see a third party hold the easement. W. Peterson said that since with the currently proposed deed restriction this would not be necessary and would be costly.

BEAN DAM PROPERTY:

R. Ball updated the members on the purchase of the Bean Dam property. He said that the purchase and sales agreement has been signed. Also Mr. Locke has talked to the dam bureau and was told that he needs an engineer and a wetlands scientist to breach the dam. The closing on the property will not be done until the dam is breached.

YOUNG PROPERTY:

R. Ball told the members that someone else had made a deposit on it. The realtor said they would let him know if it doesn't go through.

OTHER BUSINESS:**AQUIFER PROTECTION:**

K. Knowlton told W. Peterson that he would like to be notified when the Planning Board is working on aquifer protection. He would like the Conservation Commission to have some input.

LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP:

G. Wells-Kay told the members she will be attending the UNH Cooperative Extension workshop "Landscaping at the Water's Edge".

ANNUAL RETREAT:

The members have decided to hold their annual planning retreat on Sunday, April 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: On a motion by N. Wederski, seconded by G. Wells-Kay, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Rollins

