

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
Corner Meeting House
Belmont, New Hampshire

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

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD'S ACTION-MINUTES:

MOTION: On a motion by N. Wederski, seconded by D. Naiva, the members voted to approve the minutes as written. (4-0) W. Peterson abstained.

SILVER LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Members from the Silver Lake Association were present to give the members an update on their summer 2007 milfoil eradication. John Cambray said that they did go through with the application with NH DES to use chemicals in 2 areas. They received approval for one of the areas which was the biggest area on the northeast side about 5 acres. The other area has wells that are too close. He said it was extremely effective. DES wanted them to attack the milfoil with hand pulling. The State only allows certified weed control divers to do this and there are only 4 divers in the state who are qualified. He said the association has volunteers who are willing to become certified and are waiting to hear from the state to get them trained. Paul O'Connell showed the members an underwater camera they purchased. They have used this to map out the lake so they can be prepared for next year. They spoke with Jody Connor from DES who helped them identify areas that can not be treated by chemicals so they decided to get the areas located as best as they could. They have put weighted fluorescent balls in the locations so they can locate the areas next year. K. Knowlton asked them if the Association has tried to get in touch with others upstream who also have a milfoil problem. Silver Lake Association said that they voted not to contribute to NH Lakes Association because they have some other agendas that they do not agree with.

Mr. Cambray said that the Association would like the Conservation Commission members to contact their state representatives and tell them how difficult it has been for them to get their divers trained. They think they can manage the milfoil with hand harvesting but they need the state to let them do it. He asked the members if the money they have approved to give them for hand harvesting could be used for the underwater camera, GPS unit and nets they purchased which will be used for that. The members agreed the money could be used for these items since they are associated with the hand harvesting. They also agreed that they could use the money to pay for diver training.

FOLEY OIL SITE PLAN – MAP 201 LOT 2:

Jeff Pearson who is president and owner of Foley Oil said they are looking to upgrade their existing bulk facilities located on Old State Road by installing three 30,000 gallon underground tanks. They are looking for the Conservation Commission's support on this project before they go to the Zoning and Planning Boards. They have applied to the state and have been approved. Their reason to upgrade and add additional storage is because when they first built the facility there were 4 products and now there are 13 and they need a separate tank for each. Roy Creley of Lakes Region Environmental Contractors said that he feels that it would be the safest alternative for them to put the tanks underground. The tanks are double walled with a steel inner tank and fiberglass outer tank and will not corrode. They have sensors that will detect any kind of liquid leak. They will need a variance to the Wetlands Ordinance because they don't comply with the town's regulations to be 250' from a stream. The stream is a seasonal runoff that comes from the Belknap Mall. R. Ball said that the flow will be changing with the work being done on Route 3. The members viewed the plan and agreed to give them their support since the stream is intermittent and the location of the tanks should not affect it.

STAFF REPORT:

DROUIN DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT APPLICATION – MAP 116 LOT 43:

R. Ball has written a letter to be sent from the Conservation Commission to the Wetlands Bureau regarding their wetlands application. He is concerned that continuing ATV traffic around the wetland will probably degrade it. He has asked that the bureau require them to mark the edge of the existing wetland to prevent encroachment. He also asked that they allow the Belmont Conservation Commission or it's agents be allowed periodic access to ensure that the wetland is not encroached upon.

JEFF MARDEN MEMORIAL:

R. Ball said that G. Wells-Kay asked him to discuss with the members about having the print dedication for Jeff Marden at their meeting on November 7 from 6:30 to 7:30. The members agreed this would be a good time to have it.

NH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS ANNUAL MEETING:

R. Ball told the members that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3.

BEAN DAM:

R. Ball told the members that Mr. Locke has received a letter from the Dam Bureau and they are requiring him to do a more extensive plan than he has proposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: On a motion by N. Wederski, seconded by S. Rolfe, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Rollins

