

Durham Conservation Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
15 May 2003
7:00pm, at Durham Town Hall

Attending: Bill Skinner, Dwight Baldwin, Kevin Webb, Duane Hyde, Rich Hallett

Members of the public: Jan Nisbet, John Moeschler, Joe Calderola

1. New Business/Presentations

- a. New DCC Members:
Dwight Baldwin & Robert Doty

2. Ongoing Business

- a. Wetlands Applications Dwight Baldwin
Dwight looked at Peter Smith's wetland application. Peter wants to do similar work to neighbor's. Permit has been approved w/ conditions.
- b. Mill Pond **Bill Skinner**
 - 1. Go before council when everything is in order. Meeting with Mike Lynch and John Parry at pond last Tuesday.
 - 2. Sediment analysis shows that petroleum hydrocarbons are too high for upland disposal. High for island composite. DES suggested resampling island area to see if parts of the island are suitable for upland disposal. Island is 20 feet wide. Resample island w/out compositing. \$250/ per sample.

Dwight will contact Rich and let him know when sampling would take place.

What about blending options? Maybe wait until results from resampling?
UNH Facilities says they don't want fill. UNH Recreation wants fill. Maybe get something in writing from UNH saying they will take the fill.

- 1. Go to council when
 - a. sediment testing results are in and when DES approves upland disposal of fill.
 - b. UNH has agreed to take fill.
 - c. when we know the availability of the army battalion to complete the project.

- 1. Shoreline Maintenance **Dwight Baldwin**
Passed out notice to invite public to work days to clear brush. Things to save will be flagged. The work will occur only on town owned land. Want to start with small group of volunteers. Will be advertised through Mill Pond task force.
Duane suggested that we check town shoreland protection ordinance and that we follow it. Make sure town administrator knows about it in advance.

c. Land Conservation Working Group

Duane Hyde

Reported on land conservation meeting sponsored by 3 rivers. Duane will be attending the Madbury Cons. Comm meeting to discuss the Beech Hill area. Will also discuss with Lee. This helps protect oyster river which is the town water supply. Kevin said that there was an inquiry re: building student housing on Beech Hill Road, owner is Cutter. Duane says a conservation buyer may be interested in this lot.

Working with Newmarket re: Follett's brook area to put together a source water protection grant. This area is ID'd by master plan as an important resource.

New project in the works with LRAC – Laroche farm on Bennett road. Town could provide funds for this project and it would cover match with LRAC on Dunham property. 76 acres, 4600 ft on Lamprey, 7600 ft on Bennett road, abuts doe farm, near Benevento property. Conservation easement would allow farming activities. Money is coming from US Farmland protection program, LRAC and hopefully Durham. Cost to town would be \$44,425.00. Need public hearing in order to vote on it. Town says we need to have a legal interest in project. Duane proposes that we vote to fund project with town's interest being an optional executory interest or a 3rd party right of enforcement. Current use change tax account is probably greater than \$150K. Need public hearing and needs to go before town council.

Working on Town Council presentation.

d. Volunteer Stewards/Trail Program

Melanie Rose

3. Board and Committee Reports

a. Town Council

Peter Smith

b. Planning Board

Kevin Webb

1. Mr. Calderola attended the meeting to discuss the Perley Lane development. Kevin Webb gave summary. Planning board would like to know if there are any concerns relative to change in density and any concerns about the reforestation plan which was part of the original plan.

Kevin read over Planning Board request for DCC input to conditions of approval.

Duane asked about prohibitions to cutting in shoreland protection zone.

Site walk scheduled for Sunday, May 18 at 4pm.

Jan Nisbet is concerned about development in relation to landscape. Asked us to look at plans and distances from stream, take measurements. Save as many trees as possible. Concerned about erosion, and pond at Bagdad Road, wildlife in pond. Mr. Calderola has not followed site plan. Make sure there is monitoring of project. How will enforcement happen? Check setbacks.

John Moeschler is concerned about crossing of shoreland protection zone. This was a controversial issue when the plan was first discussed.

Kevin has current plans and will make them available for review. Full size set of plans will be at site walk.

Building corners are flagged. Set backs are not marked.

Reforestation plan: Mr. Calderola will provide.

2. Faucy subdivision is under consideration. Planning board site walk will be on May 28th 8:30 am. 7 lots. Kevin will decide if DCC needs to be involved. Duane: This section of Bagdad road is very nice. Character of road needs to be protected. Why not connect to town water and sewer? Conflicts with neighbors over drainage issues.

1. Baker on Hickory pond golf course. Wetland issues. Site visit is not scheduled. Application may not come under consideration.

4. Other Business

none

5. Administrative

- a. Minutes to April meeting – not available
- b. Correspondence – not available
- c. DCC Meeting Schedule – not addressed

6. Adjourn