

Per Executive Order 2020-17, the Nottingham Conservation Commission held a virtual meeting. The posted agenda provided meeting access information for members, guests and the public via the on-line or phone-in Zoom platform links.

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Other attending members were Cheryl Smith, Susan Mooney, Jon Rydberg, and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb. Guest was Joseph Falzone, developer and Alex Monastiero, Gove Group.

Gile Road Subdivision: Following the Welcome and Introductions, Mr. Falzone was invited to present his proposed development application for Case #20-007-DR. At the present time, the case is at the design review stage for a Conventional Plan subdivision consisting of 14 lots with approximately 2000 feet of road frontage ending in a cul-de-sac. The property of approximately 60+ acres is owned by Diane Monte and is located on Gile Road (east end), identified as Tax Map 40, Lot 1.

Mr. Falzone presented two plans: "Plan A" would consist of seven (7) lots fronting Gile Road with no internal road into the property. The largest lot would consist of 35+/- acres and would be the easternmost lot of the subdivision. Mr. Falzone had recently received a letter from residents of Gile Road addressing rural character features such as wildlife corridors, protecting the trees, quaintness of the town, etc., and is proposing this new plan to accommodate these concerns.

"Plan A" would impact approximately 3000 sq. ft. of wetlands for driveway access. Mr. Falzone indicated that wetland impacts are now directed to the town's ZBA for review and approval. He will provide ecopassages for the wetland crossings, a fairly new and successful design developed in Canada that allows light into the passageway for animals that live and move in wetlands.

Furthermore, Mr. Falzone will place a deed restriction on the 35+/- acre lot to prevent any access through that parcel should the abutting property be developed in the future.

On the recommendation of the Commission, Mr. Falzone will present this "Plan A" to the ZBA prior to returning to the Planning Board.

"Plan A" will replace "Plan B". "Plan B" has been before the Board since January 2020 and brought dozens of residents to the pre-Covid Board meetings. "Plan B" proposes subdividing the parcel into 14 lots, with an internal road ending in a cul-de-sac. There would be no direct wetland impacts. The lot sizes would be smaller and the largest lot would be 16+ acres in size. During the presentation, Commission members asked questions and discussed the various features of both Plans.

A poll was then taken of the members which Plan was favored. All five (5) members favored "Plan A" over "Plan B". Mr. Falzone requested that the Commission send a letter to the Planning Board of the decision and include the specific points supporting that decision. (The Commission submitted this communication to the Board in a letter dated 10-20-20, on file at the Planning Board office).

Mr. Falzone and Mr. Monastiero left the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Trails Committee (NTC) Report: Demeritt and Mooney reviewed the recent activities of the NTC. Marsh Woods: the bridge at Crossing 2 on the Merriam Daggett and the gate for access to the Tasker parcel are still works in progress. Kennard Family Forest: Ellen Snyder, Ibis Wildlife Consulting, is constructing a stewardship plan and expects to have a draft available shortly.

Announcement: Demeritt stated that the “Protected River Signs” have been received from DES and erected at the Flutter Street location of the North River crossing by the Highway Department. There are plans to order another set for the crossing just northwest of Nottingham School.

Conservation Easement Monitoring:

Highlands: Mooney will update and mail the letter to the 19 residents of Highlands properties that have deed restrictions to protect the Little River Watershed. The deed restrictions are found at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds 2004 Jan 29 PM 1:16 Book 4227, Page 1574. The letters will include the scheduled dates of the monitoring and a copy of the deed restrictions will be enclosed as well. Demeritt and Mooney will begin the monitoring at 9:00 AM Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 and will finish within the 10 day period, if necessary.

Mendums (East and West): Demeritt, Mooney and Rydberg will conduct the monitoring on Nov. 7, if that date is agreeable with the Mendums Landing Association.

Friend Family: Debra Kimball usually takes the lead for monitoring this property.

Kimball Family Forest: Mooney will inquire if this property was monitored by a volunteer representing the Commission.

Terninko properties: Celia Abrams, volunteer, usually takes the lead on this monitoring.

Note: Rydberg left the meeting at 7:58.

Roadside Cleanup: Schedule TBD at the next meeting.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Report: Demeritt stated that the Roundtable scheduled for 10-20-20 entertained seven (7) representatives from the BPRG communities. This annual event provides opportunity for discussing regional and shared conservation issues. A scavenger hunt is planned at the North River Preserve for children on the three days of Halloween Weekend. To follow the Covid recommended practices, participation will be by reservation only through the BPRG website. All participants will be socially distanced by family groups and masks are recommended.

Lamprey River Watershed Association: Demeritt reported that a short conference call was held.

Correspondence:

- Dated 9-21-20. From West Environmental re: wetlands restoration at 72 Stevens Hill Road, to David Price, NH DES Wetlands Bureau, cc-ed to the Commission.
- Date not noted. A Shoreline Permit for 38 Freeman Hall Road with frontage on the North River (NH Protected River). To NH DES, cc-ed to the Commission. It was indicated that this application would be reviewed by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee.
- Date not noted. Dredge and Fill application from Domus Developers for Tax Map 6, Lot 22, located on Old NH Turnpike, Route 4, in order to place a culvert for a proposed driveway for Sera Drive. (Planning Board Case #19-008-SUB&SIT). To DES, cc-ed to the Commission.

- Two (2) invoices: NH Association of Conservation Commissions, annual 2021 dues of \$325 and BPRG annual 2021 dues of \$100.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Shippee-Rice to pay both invoices totaling \$425 in 2021 from the 2021 budget. All four (4) votes were in the affirmative.

Minutes: The minutes for September 14, 2020 were reviewed and corrected. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Shippee-Rice to accept said minutes as edited. All four (4) votes were in favor.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on November 16, 2020.