

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:09 PM. Other members present were Paul Miliotis, Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney, Kristen Lamb, Raelene Shippee-Rice and Liz Kotowski, alternate, who was seated for Cheryl Smith.

Guests were William Gregsak, Gregsak Engineering, Inc.; Tim Ferwerda, Wetland and Soil Scientist, Meridian Land Services; Matt Kouchoukos, resident; Barry Gier, Jones and Beach Engineering and resident; John Jannotti, applicant; and Dr. Dale Rice, resident. Chris Sterndale, Town Administrator, arrived at 7:55.

Announcements: Bear-Paw Regional Greenway (BPRG) is hosting a fund raising event, "Breakfast in the Barn" on April 29. Proceeds will be dedicated to employing a land protection specialist for the land trust.

Dredge and Fill Application for Concrete Products of Londonderry, Inc., (Shea Concrete): Representing the applicant were Bill Gregsak, engineer and Tim Ferwerda, wetland and soil scientist. The site is located at 160 Old Turnpike Road (NH Route 4) and is identified as Tax Map 3, Lot 2. Lamb recused herself because she is an abutter. Mr. Gregsak and Mr. Ferwerda outlined the minor dredge and fill proposal. The project would fill in the designated wetland with sand and gravel and would permanently impact 9650 square feet of wetland, just short of the 10,000 square feet threshold for a major dredge and fill project. The wetland was reported to be a "poor functioning wetland" and a "non-functioning wetland". There would be a 910 square foot rain garden constructed to the east end of the present wetland, the necessary size for remediation for the water percolation function lost due to the project. A former owner had used part of the wetland as a horse paddock. Commission members asked questions for clarification and additional information. It was agreed that Commission members would meet with the applicants at the business location for a site walk on March 21, 2017, at 4:30 PM.

Mr. Gregsak and Mr. Ferwerda left the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Lamb was reseated.

DES Wetlands Permit and DES Shoreland Permit: Mr. John Jannotti of 28 Barderry Lane (Tax Map 63, Lot 2, 0.29 acres) showed the Commission members the applications that would permit the "Installation of new natural stone retaining walls, granite steps and a perched beach in place of one partially failing block wall, one cracking concrete patio. Work will occur during the "dry drawdown" of Pawtuckaway Lake." The property has 88.5 feet of shoreline. There will be no increase of the present amount of impervious surface, of 2740 square feet. The members reviewed the documents and found all was in order. Kimball moved that "The Commission waives the right to intervene, that the Commission believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project and the Commission has no objections to the

permitting of the proposed work". Lamb seconded the motion. All seven (7) votes were in the affirmative. Chair Demeritt signed the four copies for the applicant. Mr. Jannotti left the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Recreational Development of the Marston Community Complex: Mr. Matt Kouchoukos and Mr. Barry Gier, residents, and Mr. Chris Sterndale, Town Administrator, presented the proposal for the recreational development of the Marston property for the town of Nottingham, located at 229 Mill Pond Road, Tax Map 24, Lot 139. The property acreage is 45.64 acres. Mr. Gier led the presentation. He stated they used suggestions the Ironwood Study and the follow up Exploratory Committee composed of town residents. There would be 68,000 square feet (1.5 acres) of impact but no wetland impacts. There are three phases to the plan: Phase 1 would cost about \$200,000 to include ball fields, a track, walking trails and a community garden. Parking on the site would be constructed. Other phases would include a building for bathroom facilities and other uses and construction of additional fields for sports. There followed discussion about the proposal and the search for granting agencies to provide financial assistance with matching funds. Mr. Gier and Mr. Kouchoukos left the meeting at 8:22 PM.

USA Springs Update: Mr. Sterndale reviewed the present status of the USA Springs property (160 – 170 acres, of three parcels) located along Old Turnpike Road. The property is in bankruptcy. The state court approved the sale of the property for \$1.2 million dollars, \$900,000 of which is owed to the town of Nottingham for delinquent property taxes. A prospective buyer intends to use the facility as a water bottling plant but as yet has not come up with the money. The town has begun proceedings to take over the property by tax lien if the buyer is unable to purchase by a certain date in April 2017. Mr. Sterndale left at 8:37 PM.

Ground Water Protection: Members held a discussion about additional protections for ground water that could be put in place. Suggested was the establishment of a Town Fund dedicated for the protection of ground water. This fund could be used to purchase land over aquifers for permanent protection.

Other: Members also briefly discussed several warrant articles that will be decided at Town Meeting Saturday, March 18.

New Maps: Lamb showed new maps recently acquired from UNH Cooperative Extension. NH Fish and Game, in part, provided data for these maps. The maps are titled "Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition, 2015" and "Habitat Type: 2015 NH Wildlife Habitat Land Cover". Lamb has received permission from the Town moderator to post these maps at Town meeting for the public to see.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): Dawn Genes, long time Executive Director of the LRWA has resigned; the salaried position is open for a new director.

“Big Night”: Lamb will host a program at Blaisdell Memorial Library (BML) to introduce and describe the annual amphibian spring migration to their vernal pools for the audience. The Commission, the Maine Center for Wildlife and BML are hosting the program scheduled for Thursday evening, April 6, at 6:30 PM. Lamb will have slides, maps, handouts, and other materials for the attendees and intends to bring along a feathered friend from the Maine Center for a “meet and greet”.

Saving Special Places Annual Workshop is scheduled for April 8 in Alton, NH. At this time no one from the Commission has signed up. Mooney forwarded the conference information to planning board members.

Correspondence: Received from DES, a book titled Beyond the Beaver Dam.

Minutes: The meeting minutes of February 15 were postponed to the April meeting. This motion was made by Mooney, seconded by Kotowski and passed with all seven (7) votes in the affirmative.

Roadside Cleanup: This is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 8:30 AM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mooney and seconded by Kimball. There were six (6) votes in the affirmative (Shippee-Rice and Dr. Rice had just left prior to the motion). The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were approved as corrected at the meeting held on May 16, 2017.