

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:12 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Krystal Costa, Kristen Lamb and Raelene Shippee-Rice, Alternate, who arrived at 7:15 PM and left following Mr. Hurley's presentation. Guest was Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Systems, Inc., representing Paul Cain, owner and developer.

(Note: No July meeting was held. Quorums were not reached for July 8, 15 or 29.)

**Two-Lot Subdivision with Wetlands Impacts:** Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hurley was invited to provide an update for the two-lot/ back lot subdivision located on Gerrish Drive, Map 38, Lot 21, 6+ acres total. Demeritt and Mooney had participated in a site walk with Paul Cain, owner and developer, and Mr. Hurley to inspect the two proposed wetland crossings and potential habitat for a special listed plant species. Mr. Hurley showed the Commission members plans and explained that the culvert at the entrance of Gerrish Drive cannot be connected to the abutters' culvert because of existing damage but they will provide a "best fit" to manage water on that side of Gerrish and to compensate for overflow onto the property across the road that sits lower and abuts the North River. The second wetland crossing will be located where the single proposed driveway will split, and the proposed concrete culvert will be sized up to a 30" in diameter to accommodate turtle passage. Amy Lamb of the NH Heritage Bureau inspected the property in June with Mr. Hurley, and they found no evidence of the listed rare plant species. Property development will most likely commence in the fall. The Commission members were grateful for the update provided. Mr. Hurley left at 7:32 PM.

**Announcements:**

- The Bear-Paw Regional Greenways office has been moved from Allenstown to Northwood, close to the Epsom Town line.
- The TREX film plastic recycling into benches for non-profits is up and running. The Recreation Department has taken the lead on this initiative. Bins for clean plastic bags and plastic wraps are located at the recycling center, the library and the town office building. The plastic is weighed and brought to the Northwood Hannaford market. For each 500 to 600 pounds delivered TREX will provide a bench for the Recreation Department.

**Conservation Easements:** Demeritt reported that he had been approached by a resident who was interested in conserving at least 24 acres and possibly an additional abutting 18 acres. Members of the Commission had walked the property in the past and were very impressed with the quality of the mixed habitats including open water, wetlands and uplands. (Note: this resident was subsequently contacted by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who was interested in assisting the resident with a conservation easement with NRCS that provides monetary compensation for the subsequent loss of the development value of the parcels.)

**Domus Developers, Inc. and Berry Surveying and Engineering, Route 4 Subdivision**

**Application:** Members reviewed the two sets of plans for the proposed 4-lot subdivision identified as Tax Map 6, Lot 22. Two lots will have single unit dwellings and the other two lots

will have three multiunit buildings of four units per building. Mr. Berry had indicated at the July 24 Planning Board meeting that he would arrange a presentation for the Commission to explain the features of the proposed development. No contact had been made by the applicant to this date. The plans are complex and indicate steep slopes and wetland elements that will require substantial engineering to minimize negative environmental impacts. The next scheduled Planning Board public hearing for this case will be held on August 28, 2019. Mrs. Mooney will communicate to the Board our review of the plans without representation from the applicant.

(Note: Costa and Lamb left at 8:32.)

**Trails Committee:** A Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application for Marsh Woods trail development was submitted to the NH Bureau of Trails. If approved, the funding would provide for trail development including wetland crossings, an informational kiosk, and other features. The town will construct a small parking area from Freeman Hall Road. There was no August meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be September 5.

**Roadside Litter Cleanup:** Demeritt will send out an email to determine date and time for cleanup of one mile each of 152 and 156.

**Correspondence:**

- Dated July 15. DOT has determined that the North River bridge on Route 152 just north of Nottingham School is structurally deficient and will require repair or replacement in 2024.
- Dated August 1. From DES, a Standard Minimum/Minor Impact Dredge and Fill Approval for Gerrish Drive two lot subdivision, Map 38, Lot 21. (see above)

**Minutes:** Review of the June meeting minutes is postponed to the September meeting.

**Reimbursements:**

- It was moved by Smith and seconded by Mooney to reimburse Kimball for water testing kit items, a new rope and a battery pack, the sum of \$16.58. All three (3) votes were in favor.
- It was moved by Smith and seconded by Demeritt to reimburse Mooney \$3.98 for a replacement bucket for water testing. All three (3) votes were in favor.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Smith and seconded by Mooney to adjourn the meeting. All three (3) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on October 30, 2019.