

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Debra Kimball and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate. Jonathan Rydberg was just appointed this evening by the Select Board but must be sworn in by the town clerk in order to receive member status. Guests in addition to Mr. Rydberg, was Jim Franklin, representing Susan and Jeffrey Paradis who have a subdivision application before the Planning Board.

**Note:** A quorum was not reached at the scheduled 11-18-19 meeting. Members in attendance were Sam Demeritt, Debra Kimball and Susan Mooney. Guests were Jonathan Rydberg, resident, Mark West, resident and wetland scientist, Mike Spagna, resident, and Ron Zabloudil, resident. Mr. West presented a minimum impact wetlands application for the Commission to review and possibly endorse. The application would permit the construction of a stone ford in an easement area on the Spagna property (Map 46, Lot 5-1) so that Mr. Zabloudil would be able to drive a vehicle to his property (Map 48, Lot 5-2) in order to gather cordwood. Extensive wetlands block accessibility to the Zabloudil uplands from the road and, because of this, the easement was granted to the owner of Map 48, Lot 5-2 to access the back area. The project would permanently impact 1500 sq. ft. of wetland. Documents were reviewed and there was much discussion among the members and guests. Because the Commission did not have a quorum, the documents would be sent to the DES Wetlands Bureau without action by the Commission.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Raelene Shippee-Rice was excused from the meeting.

**Announcements:** The Bear-Paw Annual meeting will be held on January 25 at the Hooksett Library.

**Subdivision Review:** Mr. Franklin, surveyor and representative for a proposed subdivision located along Poor Farm Road, Map 58, Lot 7-1, outlined the details of the application. The original parcel of 37.69 acres, would be divided into three additional lots, Lot 7-1-1 (9.5 acres), 7-1-2 (5.5 acres), and 7-1-3 (5.3 acres). (Lot 7-1 would be reduced to 17.32 acres.) All four lots would have frontage on Poor Farm Road and are located above an identified stratified drift aquifer; therefore, the lots must be a minimum of three (3) acres each, as stated by the town's Zoning Ordinance. The original lot has an existing home. Poor Farm Road is a scenic road and all proposed improvements (driveways) would involve wetland and/or steep slope impacts. Because of these features, the Planning Board directed the applicant to present the application to the Commission. In turn, the Commission would send a summary of its review and recommendations to the Planning Board, before the Board meeting scheduled on 12-11-19. Recommendations were as follows: That there be a hydrologic study done because of the location above the aquifer; that a shared driveway be constructed between 7-1-2 and 7-1-3 due to the location of wetlands; that there be Best Practices with re: to erosion control during and after construction, such as coconut fiber socks instead of silt fencing; minimal salt and sand used on the driveways so not to negatively impact the extensive wetland complex and ultimately the aquifer. Lot 7-1-1 would require a long driveway in order to reach the proposed building envelope suitable for building located to the rear of the lot, crossing wetlands and skirting steep slopes. The Commission suggested the elimination of Lot 7-1-1. Mooney will construct a draft letter from the Commission to the Planning Board for members review before finalizing the document. (on file) Mr. Franklin left the meeting at 7:43 PM.

**Easement Monitoring Reports:** Reports for Mendum's Landing Association easements, the two Terninko easements and Highlands deed restriction easements, Part 1, were reported and placed into the files. Only eight properties remain to be monitored at the Highlands Development. New letters of notice will be sent to all of the residents and new monitoring dates were determined, starting December 14 for a total of ten (10) days.

**Nottingham Trails Committee (NTC):** Demeritt noted that the grant proposal submitted to the NH Bureau of Trails for trail development on the Marsh Woods parcel was not approved. The minutes of 12-5-19 were postponed until the next NTC meeting. Brush had been recently cut on the Tasker property possibly by the town's public works department.

**Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG):** Demeritt reported that the Spring newsletter was being assembled. He also indicated that there were several conservation easement projects slated for 2020 in the towns of Hooksett, Chester, Bow, Raymond and Strafford.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association:** Demeritt stated that the recent meeting had been cancelled.

**Correspondence:**

- A note was received that Katrina Amaral is the new executive director for BPRG.
- Dated 12-2-19, From David Price, Compliance Specialist, Land Resources Management Program, DES, attention to Grace Levergood, PE, NH DES Dam Bureau, a Letter of Compliance re: File #2015-02005 for Mendums Pond Dam that the final monitoring report for wetland restoration was received. The enforcement file will now be closed.
- Received 12-5-19, a copy of a Wetlands Permit Application for standard review for Tax Map 46, Lot 5-2: Application noted that an easement is granted to Ronald P. Zabloudil across property owned by Michael and Jennifer Spagna that allows Zabloudil passage and access to his back acreage. Application prepared by mark West, Wetlands Scientist.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes for October 30, 2019 were reviewed and edited. Kimball moved and Smith seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. All four (4) votes were in favor.

**Other:** Smith reported that there had been extensive erosion and siltation into the detention ponds at the Marston property. Construction of recreational ball fields began this fall and topsoils were removed and new fill was deposited. She believed that the silt fencing used by the construction company were inadequate to the task.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on January 13, 2020.