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February 9, 2021

To: Nottingham Planning Board

From: Nottingham Conservation Commission

Re: Case # 20-009-SUB Application from Marilyn and Jeffrey Cole, JC Builders, requesting to subdivide 31.18 acres into five (5) residential lots, one lot along Route 4, one lot on Smoke Street and three lots on Kennard Road.

At the Planning Board meeting of January 27, the Board requested that the applicant meet with the Conservation Commission to allow the Commission to review natural features such as wetlands, steep slopes and wildlife habitat that might be impacted by this development. Additionally, Kennard Road is a scenic road and, by ordinance, all applications along scenic roads are referred to the Commission for review.

The Commission met virtually with Mr. Scott Frankiewicz, the applicant's representative, at the meeting held on February 8, 2021, commencing at 7:00 PM. Also attending virtually but not participating were Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Commission members had received the updated plans submitted by Mr. Frankiewicz. The following items were reviewed by Mr. Frankiewicz:

- There will be 50-foot no-disturb vegetative buffers around indicated wetlands. These protective buffers will be written into the deeds.
- As requested, a report was asked for from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau. That review was just received by the applicant. Six species of interest were noted. The applicant had reviewed the report and had already contacted the Heritage Bureau for more detail and requested additional information on what they would need to do.
- Specific features of the subdivision were noted: steep slopes would be impacted for a proposed shared driveway accessing lots 2 and 3, a proposed culvert along Kennard Road would be installed at the base of the shared driveway.

A discussion point was that the wetland features are part of the Little River watershed. The Commission asked if the soil/wetland scientist had determined the functions and values (how productive /wildlife rich and the water recharge features) of the wetland complex. The answer was no; (however, the Natural Heritage Bureau report would provide supporting information.) Another topic was the potential increased runoff down the shared driveway of lots 2 and 3 onto Kennard Road and whether driveway design and the culvert at the base would be adequate. Not all wetlands in the subdivision had no-disturb buffers.



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The asphalt mix used for the driveways be rough surfaced to assist amphibians and snake crossings.

Kennard Road is a scenic road; a public hearing is required to address any impacts along that corridor.

It is recommended by the Commission that the following items be addressed:

- Add no-cut vegetative buffers to include other wetlands not yet noted for protection (See lots 4 and 16)
- All of the no-cut vegetative buffer areas around wetlands be included in the deeds
- Use a rough mix for driveway paving
- Determine that the culvert at the base of the shared driveway for lots 2 and 3 will be adequate
- Schedule a site walk to note the steep slopes, wetlands and possible other natural features of the parcel as well as the impacts the subdivision will have on the scenic road.

The meeting with Mr. Frankiewicz ended at 7:45 PM.

The Commission is grateful for the opportunity to review applications for the Board so that recommendations, if needed, can be proposed that will offer protections and reduce potential negative impacts to Nottingham's natural resources.

Respectfully, In Attendance

Sam Demeritt, Chair  
Debra Kimball, Vice Chair  
Susan Mooney, Secretary  
Cheryl Smith, Host  
Raelene Shippee-Rice, Alternate