

Newbury Conservation Commission (NCC)

March 20, 2018

Approved May 8, 2018

Members Present: Katheryn Holmes, Chair; Eric Unger, Vice-Chair; Bob Stewart, Sue Russell, Members; Russ Smith, Ex-officio.

Ms. Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from January 9, 2018 and made corrections. Mr. Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Terms of Office

Ms. Holmes reviewed the current terms of office for the Commissioners as follows:

- Katheryn Holmes (2 years, through 2020)
- Eric Unger (2 years, through 2020)
- Bob Stewart (2 years, through 2020)
- Sue Russell (1 year, through 2019)
- Steve Russell (2 years, through 2020)

Ms. Holmes noted that she will contact the Town Administrator regarding the appointments of the members for the designated terms by the Selectboard. She also noted that she will recommend that the terms of office be standardized to 2-year terms moving forward.

Election of Officers

Ms. Holmes turned the meeting over to the Recording Secretary for nominations for NCC Chair and Vice-chair for the upcoming year.

The Recording Secretary called for nominations for the NCC Chair for the upcoming year. Mr. Stewart nominated Katheryn Holmes as NCC Chair. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Recording Secretary turned over the meeting to the newly elected NCC Chair for nominations for NCC Vice-chair. Ms. Holmes called for nominations for the NCC Vice-chair for the upcoming year. Ms. Russell nominated Eric Unger as NCC Vice-chair. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Fells Site Visit

Commissioners reviewed the scope of the proposed Site Plan application submitted by The Fells for a second parking lot and permanent pavilion. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Unger discussed the necessity for a full wetlands mapping of the entire 84 acres comprising The Fells parcel.

Ms. Holmes noted that a Public Notice for a Site Visit has been posted by Planning Board for April 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at The Fells. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

INTENT TO CUT

Mr. Unger reviewed the following Intents to Cut:

- Susan Powers/Jane Grant, Tax Map/Lot #045/219/192. Acres -110. Acreage of Cut-20.
- Tanya D. McIntire, Tax Map/Lot #17/162/230. Acres -5.5. Acreage of Cut-3.

Ms. Holmes noted that both Intents to Cut were approved by the Selectboard.

BUFFER ZONE CUT

Ms. Holmes reviewed the following Buffer Zone Cut application:

- Bruce Hall, 111 Bay Point Rd., Tax Map/Lot #7/2135/411.

NH DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (DES)

Ms. Holmes reviewed the following items from DES for February and March 2018:

- Administrative Order: David & Beth Boucher, Shore Drive, Wetlands Bureau File Nos. 2017-01881.
- Complete Forestry Notification: Wichterman Family Trust, Tax Map/Lot#41/211/261.
- Shoreland Impact Permit 2017-03579: Leeanna/Matthew, Pallett 321 Chalk Pond, Tax Map/Lot #29A/042-467.
- Shoreland Impact Permit 2018-0056: Larry & Jane Briggs 44 Lake Ave. TaxMap/Lot #16A/340/431.
- Letter from Jen Drociak, Compliance Specialist, Land Resources Management Program, to Richard Marzelli, 622 Mountain Rd. regarding placement of fill in wetland area on property.
- Wetlands & Non-Site Specific Permit 2017-03508: Cynthia H. Bolduc Family Trust, 7 Spring St., TaxMap/Lot #018/319/018.
- Request for More Information: Doreen & John Bateson, 1065 Route 103 TaxMap/Lot #20/350/534.
- Seasonal Dock Notification 2018-00433: Chris Spence, 338 Bowles Rd., TaxMap/Lot #318/256. (Under technical review).

PERMIT by NOTIFICATION (PBN) APPLICATIONS

Ms. Holmes reviewed the following:

- Shoreland PBN #2018-00315: Robert Sawyer, 11 Lakeside Rd., TaxMap/Lot #16A/356.

Ms. Holmes noted that the NCC does not get copies of the PBNs. Instead, the PBNs are listed on the DES website. She added that she intends to speak to DES about changing how NCC is notified about PBNs.

Mr. Stewart agreed, adding that Newbury has different regulations regarding the shoreland than the state regulations (Newbury's is more restrictive and takes precedence over the state regulations). He said the applicant needs to know the difference. He recommended that DES supply the NCC with shoreland and wetland PBNs because of Newbury's more stringent regulations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Holmes shared with the NCC the following:

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) Newsletter. She highlighted the legislative update information in the newsletter.
- Aquatic Resource Mitigation 2018 Grant Announcement. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Unger expressed interest in pursuing this. Meg Whittemore also offered to help draft the grant language. The three agreed to meet to discuss possible qualifying projects within the Lake Sunapee watershed.
- UNH Upcoming Conferences and Special Programs. It was noted that the UNH programs have increased in price.
- Updated and corrected Habitat Quality Map for the “Envision Newbury 2027” Master Plan.
- “Supply Lines with the Source” newsletter from NHDES Water & Groundwater Bureau. Ms. Holmes noted that an upcoming workshop titled “Stranger Streets Class IV Roads” is scheduled for April 27, 2018. She invited interested parties to attend.
- Belknap County Conservation District flyer listing a free workshop on March 14, 2018 titled “Streambank Restoration & Flood Resiliency”.

OLD BUSINESS

Wild Goose Boat Ramp Project

Ms. Holmes indicated that the status of the proposed Wild Goose Boat Ramp Project is positive – for now. Discussion continues regarding tri-town issues regarding improved access to the lake for boaters. Of specific concern is improved parking for boat trailers, the documented road safety issues, and the need for increased parking spaces around the lake.

Mountain Road Update

Mr. Unger noted that the Newbury road crew did a good job in the fall 2017 of matting and seeding the area and inserting poles so the snow plow will have guides for the winter. He added that the crew removed stuff out of the brook and are planning to put down ledge pak on the hill to mitigate runoff into the brook.

Mr. Stewart said the seeded areas will grow to stabilize the area.

Mr. Unger agreed. He suggested that the graders not dig ditches as deep as they have in the past. Shallower ditches will lessen the runoff. He also suggested that ditches should be marked somehow since people get stuck in the snow-filled ditches every year.

Bubbler Workshop

Ms. Holmes discussed the dangers of 24/7 bubbler use on the lake citing too much open water. Two ATVs went into the lake this past winter because of that. There was discussion about how best to educate the lake shore property owners regarding appropriate bubbler use. Mr. Smith noted that this topic is an Action item for the Selectboard in the Newbury Master Plan. He indicated that it is the Selectboard’s intent to meet with other land use boards to discuss this issue.

Ms. Holmes noted that the NCC will host another Bubbler Workshop in the summer. Mr. Stewart added that per state regulations, any new dock is now deemed seasonal and must come out of the water for the winter.

NEW BUSINESS

NCC Newsletter Project

Ms. Whittemore discussed plans to start an NCC Newsletter featuring NCC activities and upcoming events. The publication will be available on the town website and in print form at the Town Office. A mock-up will be forthcoming.

Volunteer Members

Ms. Holmes noted that Mark Friedman may be interested in joining the NCC.

Lead Tackle Collection

Ms. Smith noted that a collection box for lead tackle is installed at the Transfer Station.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Holmes called for a Motion to Adjourn.

Mr. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Whittemore
Recording Secretary