

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 9, 2007 - MINUTES**

Members present: Diane Moreau, Cathy Thibeault, Kevin Fife, Rich Bellerose. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary, Alden Beauchemin and Lisa Swancott.

**Alan Hannaford Wetlands Permit:** Alden Beauchemin explained that the time had lapsed for the permit previously applied for, therefore a new application is necessary. There are no changes to the plan, but it does show the use of hay bales for silt control and the 15 inch culvert as previously requested by the Conservation Commission. Members reviewed the plan and previous comments. Mr. Beauchemin wanted to have the members review the updated plan as he will be submitting the new application soon.

**Skate Board Park:** Lisa Swancott showed members a map of the area which she didn't believe was terribly accurate. She is concerned about being able to meet the 50 foot setback from the river requirement. Lisa will need to inquire about the ability to locate the skate board park under the power lines. The Conservation Commission will inquire about the need for DES to be involved.

**LaRosa Subdivision:** Members reviewed the plan and made observations derived from the site walk on March 31. Comments to be sent to the Planning Board are:

- The Conservation zone line is incorrect
- Lot #1 is within the Conservation zone, therefore the building setback of 100 feet from the front property line and 50 feet from the side lines would be required. Lot #2 may also be partially within the Conservation zone.
- Due to the considerable amount of wetlands within this property, the Conservation Commission does not believe it is suitable for 3 lots.

**Fauteau Subdivision:** Members reviewed the plan and made observations derived from the site walk on April 7. Comments to be sent to the Planning Board are:

- The Commission is concerned about the proposed road being located on steep slopes and impacting the wetlands. The recommendation would be to re-locate the "P" further east to avoid the steep ravine near Lots 7&8. This would also move the intersection which is currently so close to the swamp that the toe of the bank would create an impact on the wetlands.
- Lots 21 and 22 appear to be located on very steep slopes.
- A community well and septic system is highly recommended to reduce the impact on the substantial wetland areas of this lot.

**Smart Conservation Area:** Members reviewed the proposed easement document for a path through Ron Dunlop's property for trail access. Mr. Dunlop is willing to agree to the easement, but has some concern about the width and the possibility of more extensive work on the trail. Eliza Conde will walk the flagged trail to see how far it is from the I93 corridor and determine if 8-10 feet would be wide enough. The easement should not be seen as a future road access to the property as there is deeded access via Cofran Ave. This easement will be finalized at the next meeting.

The Commission has not received the map and NRI from Kathi Fife. Cathy Thibeault will contact her.

**Minutes:** Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to accept the minutes of March 7, 2007. Motion passed.

**Trailwrights:** Trail work will be done April 24, 2007 at Knowles Pond with guidance from the Trailwrights. Workers should be there at 8 am.

**Other:**

- Diane Moreau attended a Turtle workshop by David Carroll at Sant Bani. She noted that there are Wood turtles who lay their eggs at a location on Bean Hill which will be impacted by proposed road improvements by the State of NH. Means of protection need to be pursued before construction begins.
- The Commission will apply for a grant from PSNH to purchase a newer version of Arcview. Cathy Thibeault attended a GIS workshop and believes that with the new Arcview, much more work can be done on maps, etc.
- PSNH is planning to upgrade their power lines through Northfield. They will be submitting plans and wetlands applications.
- Fish & Game has funds available for grants to create/enhance Bald Eagle habitat.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary