

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 10, 2015

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Jack Messe, Matthew Oliveira, Joanne Meshna
PUBLIC: Kleta Dudley (SOLAC Representative)
ABSENT: Dixie Rhoads

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Sam Matthews along with others opposed to the proposed pipeline were present to ask for the Commission's help. They were given a survey to complete for the NH Pipeline Coalition attorney. Bob reviewed the survey. He stated the biggest concern for the Conservation Commission is the compressor station. Further, he noted when wetland permits are filed they will be forwarded to the Commission for their approval. Sam stated the coalition is looking for basic information from communities on what is going to be affected by the project.

Bob stated he could print out a map with wetlands but noted there were few impacts on wetlands by the pipeline. He also will also print out maps on aquifers and streams and email them to Sam.

Maria Szmauz asked about doing a NRI on private property. Bob responded hot spots based on maps need to be identified. A NRI on private property cannot be done with public funds. With regard to aquifers, the State does not feel a pipeline is going to have a major impact on aquifers. Maria also asked if air is a natural resource and Bob responded it is not considered as such by the Commission. Maria asked if Bob could prepare a list of projects that could be part of mitigation if the pipeline goes through and Bob responded that the State is the final mitigator.

There are two properties that Kinder Morgan is proposing for the compressor, the Skinny Kat property and adjoining Robert Taft property. The properties are bisected by the PSNH right-of-way and the compressor will be in the northern portion of each. There are no wetlands on that portion of the lot. There is lead in the southern portion of the Skinny Kat lot and Bob noted lead is not very mobile. The State is requiring a Phase 2 assessment be done on the property.

Karen Miller asked about the presentation Bob had given at a Selectmen's meeting and if it could be given again. Bob responded that all the information is on the town website or can be accessed by going to gisglue.net. She noted Rick Van de Poll had given a presentation on wells in Mason. Bob stated a well head zone should be defined, tested and monitored.

7:55 p.m.:

Committee Reports:

Lands: David brought a sign he had completed for the Williams property to the meeting. The sign will be erected on two 4x4s, bolted on, and placed on Conservation land as close to the road as possible.

Bob walked the Card property and reported that it is very steep. Mrs. Card was asking \$80,000 for the property but Bob felt it was not worth that much. He asked other members to check out the property before the next meeting.

Rogers Engineering Solutions submitted an invoice for \$1,600 for the survey of the Williston property. Jack made a motion to pay the invoice. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There is a Town building at the entrance to the Williams trail that the Commission repaired when the property was given to the Town. Since that time the building has been occupied by an Emergency Management trailer, Children's Fair property and cemetery materials. The building is again in need of repair and Bob suggested to the Selectmen that all departments share in the cost.

Upcoming Events: There will be a meeting in Temple tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school on the compressor station.

Minutes: The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting and the following correction was made: under Lands, first sentence should read "David was asked to prepare a sign for the Williams property as "Williams Property Trail"." David made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business: Bob received an email from Rick Blanchette regarding the Nussdorfer Nature Area. Rick had received an email from Anjelica Weber who had visited the site and commented that it was a mess. The trail is also in rough shape. She offered to repair the kiosk. Members discussed moving the kiosk down to the parking area. David will look at the site and report back at next meeting.

An Expedited Wetlands Permit application for Linda and Michael Maki, 71 Maki Road, lot 6/21, was submitted to the Commission. The permit is for crossing of an intermittent stream for the purpose of accessing a single family residence. Bob inspected the site and there were no problems. The application was signed by Bob.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

