

Approved: July 11, 2007

**Hanover Conservation Commission
June 13, 2007 Meeting**

Minutes

Attending: Morris, Reeve (presiding), Carpenter (recording), McIlroy, White, Mayor, Baschnagel (Select Board), Smith (Staff)
Jennifer Foden, Walter "Buzz" Congram for RFI LLC (Chieftain Motel).

Meeting was convened at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Chieftain Dock.** The Commission discussed issues with Ms. Foden and Mr. Congram, regarding the new proposed dock on Connecticut River. Commissioners expressed concerns in following areas:

- Keeping motor traffic out of setback
- Increased use of power boats with potential pollution
- Keeping fuel storage secure and away from river
- Means of dock installation/removal (manual or power equipment)
- Storage of boats on trailers or racks
- Assuring structural integrity of dock

Applicant distributed new maps illustrating motor traffic and parking areas (all outside of setback).

Applicant plans to control traffic via "parking permits" for rowing participants in the Chieftain parking lot up the hill.

Applicant says she has been relying on dock manufacturer's assurances of engineering sufficiency.

Applicant says concrete blocks anchoring the dock are already in-place (in ground).

Applicant says annual installation/removal of the dock can be manual or using equipment as desired.

The Commission concluded the application is not current (or maybe complete) given the number of changes and uncertainties in the plan. The Commission cannot support the application because the information submitted is insufficient. Carpenter moved and Morris seconded that the Commission send ZBA a letter of non-support due to insufficiency. The Commission found that the following issues have not been addressed and so, to date, are unresolved:

1) the applicant has not specifically addressed the vehicle traffic and parking use, nor shown the location of the driveway to be used to deliver dock parts or boats such that the Conservation Commission is convinced that there will be no impact to the 75 foot setback to the Connecticut River.

2) the applicant has not specifically addressed where gasoline used to power the various motor boats that will be used from time to time by Black Bear rowing, Buzz Congram clinics, the Hanover High School crew team or others will be stored.

3) the applicant has not specified an annual removal and installation sequence for the docks (including placement and moving of the dead man weights and winter storage of docks and boat racks).

4) the applicant has not presented an accurate plan of what work has already been undertaken in the 75 foot setback.

5) the applicant has not presented a full plan of all the features needed to support the use of the dock as a rowing facility (eg. boat racks, trailer storage, portable toilets).

6) the applicant has not satisfied the Conservation Commission that the dock system as designed has structural integrity.

7) the Conservation Commission is not convinced that the project minimizes project impact as no information has been submitted describing why two docks are necessary.

The Conservation Commission recommends that the setback from the Connecticut River be physically delineated with a low fence or vegetation so that vehicles do not park in the setback and do not routinely travel into the setback or onto the septic system.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Keeping Track.** Mayor reported a coming program on wildlife tracking (moose and other wildlife), in Maine.

3. **Mink Brook.** Reeve reported successful removal of invasives June 7.

4. **Streetfest.** Morris suggested this event (July 28) may be unproductive for CC exhibit and that the Commission not participate. Commission concurred.

5. **Timber Tax.** Smith reported she is working on tax abatement on Town's proposed tax on windfall timber salvage.

6. **South Esker.** Reeve reported she is authorizing scout camp-out August 8-10 (as in previous years).

7. **Committees:**

Trails—McIlroy reported two projects completed (trail head at Maple Street, entrance to Girl Brook). Committee is in talks with Dartmouth w/r to Girl Brook easement. Brook Hollow and/or Willow Spring have used Town property for disposal of yard waste. Indian Ridge parking easement/land swap is on track.

Open Space--Morris reports same four projects are progressing, but slowly.

Wetlands--Smith reported the PB's wetlands committee continues meeting Wednesdays at 10:00-11:30.

Rural Working Gp--Smith reports this group is meeting Mondays at noon.

8. **Minutes.** McIlroy offered several technical amendments to CC minutes of May 9, 2007. Carpenter moved and Reeve seconded a motion to approve minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

9. Morris moved and Reeve seconded a motion to **adjourn**. Passed unanimously, and CC adjourned at 6:55 p.m.