

**Approved: June 13, 2007**

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**Hanover Conservation Commission**

**Draft Minutes**

May 7, 2007

**Attending:** Robin Carpenter, Ed Chamberlain, Ray Hogue, Doug McIlroy, Nancy Menton (recording), Anne Morris, Judy Reeve (Chair), Sandy White, Vicki Smith (staff), Bill Baschnagal (Selectboard rep)

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**Public attending:** Fred and Marie Carleton, Dana Arey from Pathways Consulting, Jennifer Foden, Dave Barney

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**Current Business – see attached site visit minutes**

**Fred and Marie Carleton septic system project**

Current septic system in failure located in the wetland buffer. Failure due to high ground water table. In designing the new septic system, test pits, soil borings and impacts to buffers considered. The plan as presented stated to have the least impact and meets state requirements although still located in setback area. It is as compact a system, as can be designed using current technology.

Old system to remain in place with the tanks removed. Mr. Arey stated that any impacts from the failed system should stay within the confined area and natural biodegradation should rectify the septic leakage over time.

Commission has concern about runoff into wetlands during construction and any contamination impacting the well.

Carpenter moved to support the project with the following restrictions:

1. Make sure that all silt fences are properly installed prior to construction
2. Make sure that all silt fences are monitored by an engineer when needed during construction.
3. Make sure that area is restored properly post construction
4. Recommend ongoing testing of the well for Ecoli during the post construction year

Reeve seconded

Motion passed with one abstention

**RFI, LLC dock project**

Jennifer Foden presented proposed design for new dock project at the Chieftain Inn. They wish to increase the size and number of docks to meet the needs of a rowing camp they host during the summer.

Commission expressed several concerns

1. The project as presented was not drawn to scale and therefore hard to evaluate
2. The project may extend into the river beyond the 40 feet the state allows.
3. Wetland impact application submitted to state but Commission did not receive a copy.
4. Erosion control plan with construction sequence needs to be submitted with application

5. Anchoring system may not be sufficient for the flow of the Connecticut River. Ms. Foden to return to next meeting with a scale drawing and information and plans to address the Commissions concerns.

#### **Robert Cantu driveway and barn foundation**

Noted that this was before the Commission to review a request for a Special Exception for the excavation of the barn foundation and driveway construction in a wetland.

[Facts and conditions on-site are no different from when last considered for special exception on barn construction.](#)

Carpenter moved that the previous letter sent to the ZBA regarding the Variance request for the barn construction repeat the Commission's concerns for the excavation, ~~and driveway construction, that the barn still could be moved out of the wetland and that had the application come before the Commission prior to construction that would have been the request.~~

White seconded. Vote unanimous.

#### **Resource Stewardship**

##### **Lake Host Program**

Dave Barney, representing the Goose Pond Association presented the association budget to cover plans for extending boat inspection hours to include weekdays. Currently, there are paid and volunteer boat inspectors at the public launch on weekends checking for milfoil but the GPA is working to increase their budget to offer this service for morning and evening hours on weekdays as well. Mr. Barney requested the Commission increase the annual donation to \$1000.00 to help them meet the additional costs. Commission previously voted to donate \$500 to the association.

Carpenter moved to add another \$250 donation to the Association

Morris seconded. Vote unanimous

##### **Mink Brook invasives removal**

The Garden Club has scheduled a removal day for June 7.

Barbara McIlroy drafted a letter to be sent to abutters requesting permission for ~~cut-stump~~ herbicide ~~treatments~~ ~~spraying~~ (paint) on invasives in the fall. She is requesting comments on the draft from the Commission. It was suggested that written permission be obtained from abutters.

#### **Administrative Business**

##### **Budget for 2008**

The numbers [presented in draft](#) are based on last year's budget. There maybe printing expenses for the Open Space Plan. Reeve questioned if the printing expense should come out of the Planning Board budget. Baschnagal suggested that several Commission members need to present to the Selectboard if specific increases are needed. Carpenter would like to see money put into the budget for more communication. Smith stated concern that money doesn't get carved out of the conservation fund for other uses. Discussion in support of adding money into budget for communication and education.

Decided to add two line items: Public Awareness - \$100, Education (Storm water conference) \$500.

### **2007 Annual Goals**

Three goals were decided at previous meetings. Carpenter requested an addition to these goals regarding communication.

The four goals are:

1. Increase Commission membership and encourage volunteers
2. Increase Commission's role in the 4-step process
3. Tighten up the meeting process and increase efficiency
4. Increase communication such as creating a Commission website, send press releases, inform public about walks/trips, meetings, and lectures

Reeve and McIlroy volunteered for website/[communication](#) committee. [Morris and White](#) will continue with education.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Trails**

McIlroy reported the following;

- A flight of steps was installed by Medical school students on and by the [Stewart](#) property to access the Mink Brook parcel.
- The full effects of blow downs on trails still unknown. A more detailed report will be made next month. Additional funds maybe required for tree removal.
- It looks promising to obtain a [compensating](#) easement ~~for trailhead parking at Indian Ridge~~[Gile Tract](#)
- An update of the trails map is in progress. Looking for funding sources for printing
- Looking for more women members on trails committee

#### **Open Space**

At Town Meeting 35.5K was put into the Conservation Fund.

Two projects are in the works:

- Dogford Road
- East side of Moose Mountain

Two new projects are on the horizon:

- Rennie Road – Money will be need for appraisal of conservation easement, about 1.2K  
Carpenter moved to allocate up to 1.5K for appraisal and wetland guidance ([regarding developability](#)) on parcel. McIlroy seconded. Vote unanimous.
- Ruddsboro Road – 200 plus acres for sale, good connections to other conserved parcels

#### **Approval of Minutes**

McIlroy moved to approve, White seconded. One abstained, rest in favor.

**Other Business**

Gile Tract cleared for development

Menton stepping down from Commission.

**Adjournment**

Carpenter moved to adjourn at 8:40. Morris seconded. Vote unanimous.