

TOWN OF BEDFORD
January 23, 2018
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Beth Evarts (Chairwoman), Dave Gambaccini, Maggie Wachs, Melissa Stevens, Town Council and Karin Elmer (Planner 1).

Ms. Evarts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and had the members of the Commission introduce themselves.

Ms. Evarts appointed Ms. Stevens as a voting member for this evening.

Approval of Minutes:

- November 28, 2017 – Motion by Mr. Gilbert to approve. Second by Ms. Wachs. All in favor.

Dredge and Fill:

Town of Bedford - Fill approximately 917 square feet of wetland for the replacement of the Cider Mill Rd. bridge. Joseph Bicja and Kimberly Peace of Hoyle, Tanner & Associated presented the application and a PowerPoint presentation. Cider Mill Rd. currently has two five foot diameter pipes which will be replaced with a 20 foot clear span bridge which will NHDES Stream Crossing Guidelines and restore the natural flow of the brook. This will result in approximately 198 square feet of permanent fill. Army Corp. of Engineers have also approved the project. There is a vernal pool to the east but since we are shifting the road slightly further from the pool it has been approved.

Motion by Ms. Wachs to recommend approval. Second by Ms. Stevens. All in favor.

New Business:

Michael & Debra Fedder – Review of a variance application to build a deck 41 feet from the edge of wetland where 50 feet is required at 35 Church Rd., Lot 14-55.

Mr. Fedder reviewed the application. Since they bought the house last year they have discovered numerous deficiencies in the home and have had to do almost a complete renovation of the home. There are currently two separate decks/patios located on the north and south sides of the home. They are proposing to connect the decks with a new four foot wide deck between them to link them together. The new deck would reduce the northwest corner setback from 44 feet to 41 feet and would require only one new column on the ground.

Motion by Ms. Wachs to recommend approval to the ZBA. Second by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor.

Other Business

Chairwoman's Update:

Chairwoman Evarts and Ms. Wachs are still working on a communications plan. Mr. MacPherson has volunteered to take on the task of drafting a Mission Statement for the Commission.

Forest Management Plan:

Ms. Elmer handed out the RPF and informed the Commission that a copy has been placed in the Dropbox. Ms. Evarts asked everyone to review the document and have comments back by Monday.

Greenfield Farms:

Planning Staff has been in contact with Ron Klemarczyk. He will start the work in the spring when all the snow is melted and the property markers are visible.

Pulpit Rock Grant:

We have received an estimate from FORECO for work at Pulpit Rock to assist us with the trails and the new bridge. Ms. Elmer informed the Commission that a copy of the proposal has been added to the Dropbox. Ms. Evarts asked everyone to take a look and if they had any comments to contact Planning Staff.

Other Business:

- Ms. Elmer informed the Commission that a Conservation Lands layer had been added to the Town GIS map.
- Ms. Elmer also informed the Commission that there is a new Hillsborough County Forester, Mr. Ethan Blair. He will be coming to one of our meetings in the spring to introduce himself and the services that he may be able to provide to the town.
- The workshop scheduled for February has been cancelled as there are not enough members to attend. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

*Respectfully submitted by
Karin Elmer*