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Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Room C of the Municipal Office building at 10 Grandview Road. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Bob Ball, and Dik Dagavarian. Alexander Grene and Tina Blanks were excused.

Items for Consideration/Discussion

Wetland CUP #403-22: Eversource Energy. Wetlands Protection Conditional Use Permit - replacement of utility poles along P145 transmission line.

Ms. Crystall noted that there was a site walk held at an earlier date and that the functional assessment was added to the packet after it was received. Members discussed the site walk and access points that they thought may need to be gated. A discussion was about possibly recommending blackouts for work during May-July 2023 for wildlife related reasons, like bird nesting. Members agreed that the comments to the Planning Board should state:

- Encourage gates where public lands are used for access;
- Avoid May-July 2023 for wildlife related reasons.

Mr. Ball made a motion to recommend approval of the CUP #403-22 with the caveats noted earlier. Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Rupert from Eversource, who was present in the audience, asked the Commission members to specify what kind of restrictions were implied in the second comment as she said that NH Fish & Game did not make any similar recommendations (under the Alteration of Terrain permit) due to the lack of birds that need protection in those areas. Members agreed that they would defer to NH Fish & Game recommendations.

Review - site walk - Wetland CUP #402-22 and proposed subdivision- Parcel 13-4-82 – Sawmill Loop re: Macauley OS-RD #502-22

Members discussed the site walk that took place recently and what they saw. Ms. Crystall noted that the applicant is still working on the vernal pool assessment and marking the streams, and will be sending it as soon as it is ready. After a brief discussion of the wetlands observed on the property, Ms. Crystall answered some procedural questions relative to the timeline and state permitting. Members agreed to defer commenting on the application until the next meeting.

Review comments for projects

a. Eversource (see # 1) (site walk held 3/31)

(See above).

b. Golden Sunshine Days - app # 504-22- minor residential subdivision - 21 Birchdale Rd.

Members reviewed the plan for the subdivision and discussed the specifics. *Mr. Dagavarian made a motion that the Conservation Commission does not have any concerns with the proposed subdivision. Mr. Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

c. Chattha - Site plan app #201-22 @ 1426 Route 3A - proposed 6,000 SF building for motor vehicle sales and repairs.

Members reviewed the site plan and whether it was in the aquifer protection zone, which it was. There were no wetland impacts proposed and Ms. Crystall noted that there are certain conditions that the applicant would have to follow in the aquifer protection district.

Mr. Ball made a motion that the Conservation Commission does not have any concerns. Mr. Dagavarian

duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.

d. RDF Family Trust - ZBA referral - 501 Hall Street

Members reviewed the variance application and the plan. Ms. Crystall noted that the applicant will have to meet the requirements for the NHDES Shoreland Permit. Members agreed that it was a beneficial change that the impervious surface is proposed to decrease from 43 percent to 25 percent of the lot with the side parking lot being reclaimed.

Mr. Dagavarian made a motion that the Conservation Commission does not have any concerns with the proposed wetland CUP.. Mr. Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Status

a. Turee Pond /VLAP /boat ramp update

Mr. Ball provided an update on the March sampling results. Member discussed the higher numbers for chloride and conductivity. One spot was particularly high. Discussion ensued about potential causes, like drainage from Bow Youth Center, road salt, or other. Then Mr. Ball spoke about VLAP and taking another sample at the outlet of Turee Pond and where White Brook enters Turee Brook. The additional costs would be \$120 dollars for three sampling events. After a short discussion *Mr. Ball made a motion to spend an additional \$120 dollars from the Conservation Fund to pay for the phosphorus samples at two more points (at Turee Pond output and White Brook entrance). Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

Two other topics discussed were related to sampling for phytoplankton on June 28th at 9 AM and the kiosk's lack of materials (like sampling results). Members briefly discussed the need to repost materials on the Kiosk and on the website.

Ms. Crystall said that she had sent the comments to NHDES for the Long-term Milfoil Management Plan and will talk to them about the list of plants the commission suggested adding. She also emailed NH Fish & Game about their raking the ramp and how that promotes further erosion around it. Members discussed the ramp and its condition and future possible improvements.

b. Robertson Trail

Ms. Crystall said that she is still waiting for the quote.

c. Website progress

Ms. Crystall said that the website still needs more things to be posted there.

5. Other items?

Ms. Crystall said that it has been brought to her attention that a mountain bike trail has been constructed near Peaslee Drive and Hope Lane with ramps and culvert which resulted in some wetland impacts. She walked the property with Bow Open Spaces Chair and talked to the Town Manager, who wanted to check with the Conservation Commission on whether the Department of Public Works would need any permits to remove it. Ms. Crystall also spoke to NHDES about it and will provide them with the information on what is done during removal. Mr. Crystall also said that Bow Open Spaces published an article in their newsletter about the Natural Resources Inventory.

Mr. Ball said that he had been walking on Branch Londonderry Turnpike and noticed that there are two culverts that did not look like they were passable for fish. Members discussed what could be done as this is a Class VI road that the Town does not maintain. Members agreed to take a look at the culverts first. Mr. Ball will send the coordinates to Ms. Crystall.

Unapproved Minutes: March 14, 2022

Members reviewed the draft 03/14/2022 meeting minutes and made small changes.

Mr. Ball made a motion to approve the 03/14/2022 minutes as edited. Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion carried with everyone voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Dagavarian made a motion to adjourn which was passed unanimously after a second by Mr. Ball.

Next meeting: May 16, 2022 - 7:00 PM at the Bow Municipal bldg.