**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**October 14, 2013**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:05 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Mike Colin, Jesse Fowler & Judie Walker

**Others Present: Wayne Morrill of Jones and Beach and Jim Mitchell of Mitchell and Co.**

*Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2013*

*Motion: Sue Foote*

*Mike Colin - seconded*

*Passed unanimously*

**New Business:**

* Wayne Morrill and Jim Mitchell came to the Conservation Commission meeting to discuss their project, turning the old McDonalds building an making a strip mall with Aspen Dental going in one part and then having three retail spaces to be filled. There is a man made pond and they are going to put in an underground detection pond. They want to make it green and look nice instead of the catch-all for trash which it is now. Sue mentioned they might want to make a little pocket park with park benches and trees in the future.

**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* A dredge and fill permit was submitted to the Conservation Commission for 101 Concord Street which has been an empty lot for years. The lot has the rare flower Hairy Hudsonia which Eben Lewis asked Tomaselli to consider keeping this rare plant on his property.

**Mail:**

* Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC. copied the Conservation Commission in a letter that was sent to Eben Lewis of NHDES. The letter states the wetland restoration activities on 136 Folly Mill Road were completed on September 23, 2013. Pictures were shown before and after.

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**Mail Cont**.

* West Environmental copied the Conservation Commission in a letter sent to Frank Richardson, Ph.D. of NHDES. They’re revising the plan prepared by Millennium Engineering for 166 Ocean Boulevard the old O’Keefe estate. This plan includes the relocation of dune vegetation and clarification that no work will occur adjacent to the Town of Seabrook Land. Silt fence will be installed along the property boundaries to protect the bayberry shrubs on the Town Land.
* Southeast Land Trust sent the Conservation Commission their quarterly report. This report has an article about the Town of North Hampton rallies to save Governor Dale Farm. In the summer of 2013, the Governor Dale Farm was slated for a 50-lot subdivision the abutters and residents and Town officials did not want to see this beautiful piece of North Hampton’s history be carved up into a check board of ½ acre lots. The landowner generously agreed to sell the conservation restrictions at 75% of the appraised fair market value essentially donating $580,500 to the effort. The Town of North Hampton Conservation Commission grants $350,000 from its conservation fund, the voters have voted to contribute $150,000 only $43,000 remains to be raised.
* New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions is inviting Seabrook Conservation Commission to attend their annual meeting on Saturday November 2, 2013 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Rundlett Middle School on 144 South Street, Concord, NH. Anyone interest in going please let Sue Foote know.
* The Zoning Board of Adjustment sent us the agenda and the minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2013. The following cases were heard:
  + Rehearing of Case 2013-010 heirs of Charlotte Marshall of 49 Rocks Road.
  + Dennis Testagrossa 72 New Zealand Road for a variance to Section 6 to sales Wholesale Resale Auction of Automobiles in Zone 2R.

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* The Zoning Board of Adjustment sent us the agenda for their upcoming meeting on October 23, 2013. The following cases are scheduled to be heard:
  + Rehearing of Dennis Testagrossa of 72 New Zealand Road.
  + US Foods to purchase the Poland Springs building.
  + William Walsh to permit accessory building larger than 1,080 square feet.
  + Sidney & Gretchen Anthony 88 Folly Mill Road for variance to permit two units on a lot with less than 30,000 square feet in Zone 2R.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: November 11, 2013

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary