

Allenstown Conservation Commission

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Allenstown Town Hall

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:05 pm

Commissioners Present: Jenna Gray, Al Heavey, and Laura Bonk

1. Approve the minutes of the 05/11/05 meeting

It was decided that the minutes would be approved at the July, 2005 meeting as 2 sets were prepared by 2 different people. J. Gray will merge the 2 sets of minutes.

2. Announcements

J. Gray distributed the 2004 Handbook for New Hampshire's Municipal Conservation Commissions. She asked commissioners to please review it. J. Gray also distributed *The Natural Resources Chapter* of the 2003 Allenstown Master Plan. She also asked commissioners to review this chapter again.

L. Bonk reported that Phil Trowbridge will try and finish the *Open Space Plan* by September, 2005. He has to make maps. L. Bonk reported that she will not be able to make the August 10, 2005 meeting. L. Bonk also would like to discuss following-through with the Fleury family regarding conserving their land in Allenstown at the July, 2005 meeting.

3. Welcome to Allenstown Signs

J. Gray reported that the signs are done. Armand Verville donated his labor. The supplies cost approximately \$800.00. The Allenstown selectmen sent a letter to the DOT Bureau of Traffic/ Hooksett accepting responsibility and liability for the signs. J. Gray contacted the Barrett family at 2 Main St. in Allenstown to discuss the installation of a sign in front of their home. They do not have any objections.

Action Items:

- ✓ J. Gray will follow-through with NH DOT and Allenstown Hwy Dept.

4. Ferry St. Campground Proposal

It was discussed whether or not the renters and building owners on Ferry St. were aware of this project. The developer is only required to notify abutters; however, the residents along Ferry St. will be greatly impacted by the increased traffic of this project. It was suggested that at some point a flier should be sent to the building owners along Ferry St. and flyers should be dropped off at the apartments for the renters. It was undecided as to when this will happen.

It was also discussed that the Zoning Board of Adjustment accepted the appeal from the Selectmen and will rehear this case.

Action Items:

- ✓ Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, July 12, 2005. As many ConCom commissioners as possible should attend this meeting.

5. Ferry St. Merrimack River Boat Launch

J. Gray received a complaint from an Allenstown resident about the poor condition of the boat launch at the end of Ferry St. J. Gray visited the site and agreed that the launch needs work. J. Gray then called NH Fish and Game. Mark Kirouak stated that NH Fish and Game does not own the launch. J. Gray was then told by David Jodoin that the deed for this parcel is unclear. The ConCom commissioners reviewed the tax maps. Map 115-Lot 4 is a town owned parcel. It appears that this parcel includes the boat launch. L. Bonk stated that the *2004 Allenstown Capital Improvement Plan* included improvements for this launch for \$10,000.

Action Items:

- ✓ J. Gray will contact Biron Bedard to verify ownership of this launch.
- ✓ J. Gray will contact Rich Tichko of NH Fish and Game to discuss their public access program.
- ✓ At a later date, ConCom will discuss funding improvements to this boat launch and limiting parking in this area to Allenstown-only residents.

6. Albin Ave. Boat Launch Project

It was discussed that the Suncook River bank stabilization/canoe boat launch will be done sometime in summer, 2005. L. Bonk reported that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) Wetlands Bureau requires a minimum impact form. L. Bonk completed this form and the selectmen should sign it on June 13, 2005. It was discussed that this project will require 4-6 hardworking volunteers.

Action Items:

- ✓ L. Bonk will put an announcement in the Hooksett Banner soliciting volunteers for this project.
- ✓ A. Heavey will investigate the materials needed for stabilization and their costs.
- ✓ A. Heavey will order materials once a volunteer crew is assembled. The budget for this project is \$750.00

7. Iris Pond Boat Launch Update

L. Bonk reported no one will answer the door at the Osgood home at 174 Buck St. in Pembroke. Furthermore, no one will answer letters or phone calls. Sidney Osgood owes \$1,797.78 for taxes on this parcel. Diane Demers stated that Allenstown can acquire the parcel in May, 2007 if the taxes are not paid; however, historically, Mr. Osgood has paid his taxes. In the interim, Allenstown cannot purchase the parcel from a non-communicative land owner. This project will have to be postponed.

8. Review, Process and Distribute Mail Received

Letters/Announcements/Newsletters were received from:

- ✓ 5/24/05 A&D Klumb Environmental, LLC regarding review of a communications tower in Allenstown.
- ✓ Stormwater Technology workshop 6/14/05 in Auburn, MA
- ✓ Stanhope Group, LLC offering appraisal services
- ✓ Selectmen and Planning Board minutes for May, 2005
- ✓ 5/26/05 Southern NH Snow Slickers wetlands permit by notification for culvert repairs.

9. Confirmed Next Meeting:

- Wed., July 13, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Allenstown Town Hall

10. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.