

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2018

Martha Twombly called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Present Suzanne Smith, Martha Twombly, George Andrews, Ed Van Dorn

Guests: Ken Weidman and Les Mills from NLRA

The purpose of the meeting was to review several items related to DES File no. 2018-02507: a Wetlands Permit Application, a Notice of Approval with Conditions for a Shoreland Permit, and a notice that an Alteration of Terrain Permit has been submitted to NH DES. The subject property is in Hebron, Tax Map 7, Lot 45-6.

Members and guests reviewed the application and maps for a proposed “dug-in” boathouse on Newfound Lake. Lengthy discussion ensued as to what the role of the Conservation Commission is in this process. Suzanne explained that the Conservation Commission is an advisory board whose duties are to review permit applications for Wetlands, Alteration of Terrain, Shoreland permitting as well as Intent to Cuts.

The Conservation Commission may file as an intervenor in some instances, such as Wetlands applications. We as a Commission may alternatively file comments in relation to any of the above applications.

Concerns expressed by commission members were environmental impacts from construction activities for this proposal including the steep slopes involved, blasting near active eagle nests, blasting and dredging at the shoreline and in the lake. All dredging proposed is above the 584.5’ water line, but there were questions regarding how this proposed boathouse will be affected if Newfound citizens are successful in getting the level of the lake lowered by the Dam Bureau.

Suzanne shared a letter which she has already sent to DES as state representative for the area and member of the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee in the legislature which votes on legislation related to both wetlands and Shoreland Protection. The Conservation Commission’s letter will be similar.

Martha made a motion for the Conservation Commission to send a letter of concern to the Department of Environmental Services about File no. 2018-02507. Ed seconded the motion. All concurred.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith co-chair