

Town of Springfield, New Hampshire

Minutes of the Meeting of August 10, 2006 held at the Memorial Building, 7:00PM

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Commission at its next meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by John Trachy. Daphne Klein volunteered as scribe for this meeting.

Members present were: Ken Downs; Daphne Klein; John Trachy; Cynthia Bruss. Absent were Geobe McCusker; Laura Hummel; Boris Busheuff; Ken Jacques; Richard Currier; Robert Anderson (selectmen's representative). Also present was Ken Lawson.

Minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting were approved without change.

Review of the Dredge and Fill application by the Town for sand replenishment at the town beach. The town is requesting to add 20 cubic yards of sand which would increase the depth to about 7" across 900 square feet. Application is on hold for up to 40 days due to intervention filing. Ken Downs asked about potential problems. Daphne Klein reported that she had spoken with Darlene Forrest at DES. DES feels 4-6 inches of sand is a reasonable amount when sand is replenished. Drawbacks include (1) an increase in phosphorous (current average for NH lakes is about 12 ug/l – KOLELEMOOK levels tend to be about 6 ug/l), and (2) sand goes into lake and goes somewhere.

Ken Lawson (member of KLPA) presented fact sheets from DES. He also mentioned concerns by some on the lake that sand is migrating to Sandy Beach area. Discussion about a "perched beach" style which is required for new beach construction. The goal is to eliminate run-off.

Ken Downs made motion that we recommend DES approval for not more than 10 cubic yards and a request for the Town to explore options for beach to minimize run-off. Second by John. Discussion. Daphne suggested that a compromise could be proposed to allow more than 10 cubic yards to allow coverage of 4 inches average, 7 inches being excessive. Amendment by Daphne, second by Ken, that we recommend DES approval for not more than 4 inches average with the total cubic yardage to be determined by the area of the beach to be replenished. Amendment to motion approved, motion approved unanimously. John to so notify DES and the town.

A financial report from Maryanne Petrin, town treasurer, was reviewed. Discussion regarding the purpose of the funds. Investigation at future date.

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Review of a proposal from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) for preparing a wetlands and natural resources inventory. Much of the proposed work appears to be a compilation of reports and graphics done by others. No field work contemplated. Cynthia mentioned that some work had been done through a Colby-Sawyer College project. John has a copy and Cynthia is obtaining one. Main advantage of UVLSRPC work would be the ability to overlay maps of different types to visualize existing features and possible conservation priorities. Manipulation of data would have to be done by UVLSRPC as software too expensive for town purchase. John mentioned that there is a grant process offered by the software company that he is applying for that may allow us to do this on our own. Discussion continued to next meeting.

Cynthia has completed work on proposed changes to the by-laws. Suggestion to put off discussion until next meeting when more members might be in attendance.

Update on work by Cynthia Bruss and Daphne Klein on the Gile Forest. Discussion regarding possible use of Royal Arch funds on this project. SPNHF may need to be involved in this discussion.

A meeting with the selectmen regarding erosion and sedimentation control plans for those obtaining a building permit was reported upon. John, Cynthia and Daphne met with Neil Huntoon and George McCusker. Various ideas discussed. Selectmen would like to know what other towns are doing. Suggestion is to attach information to building permits. Members asked to look for education information that could be used.

Class VI road discussion again deferred due to late hour.

Members encouraged to attend Planning and Zoning Board meetings. We would like to have the Selectmen's representative attend Conservation Commission meetings.

Review of the plan for the Matarazzo subdivision. There is much concern about the large number of intrusions into wetlands necessitated by roads and driveways. It was suggested that we advise Planning Board of same.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.