



Date: 03/23/2022

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodspeed
- Ben Bade
- Scott Pim
- Liz Wilson
- Dan McCombs
- Barbara Willis
- Joe Trombley

Absent: Jeff Leombruno

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

## **PERMITS**

Sig Sauer parking lot

Dan Meditz from Jones & Beach and Jim Gove of Gove Environmental joined the meeting. Dan Meditz described the changes to the project, including layout (pushed edge of proposed lot away from wetland and removed retaining wall from plans), revised the number of parking spaces, and no activity is planned on the Brentwood portion of the site. Jim Gove stated that Dave Price (NHES) recommended streamlining the state and local permitting process by limiting work to one town. Jim Gove noted that because greater than 3,000 square feet of direct wetland impacts are proposed, a functional assessment of the wetlands is required for the entire site. NHDES reportedly concurred that a desktop functional assessment approach is sufficient.

Scott Pim asked if there will be a retroactive permit for the likely filling of wetlands in the location of the existing gravel lot where new work is proposed and noted that there is not an existing application on file for such filling. Scott also stated that it is not clear if the access road, also proposed for paving, has appropriate stormwater management (treatment) incorporated into the plans. Jim Gove responded that he does not think or have knowledge of wetlands being filled within the proposed work area. Joe Trombley indicated that the issue of potentially unpermitted fill activity was brought up with the Planning Board. Jim Gove asked about the process for addressing these concerns. Joe Trombley responded that there is precedence for permitting previously non-permitted work and that the applicant should reach out to the Town planner to confirm the correct permitting pathway for this situation. Based on Google Earth imagery, the existing gravel lot appears to have been installed during the 2009-2011 time frame.

Scott Pim stated that paving an existing disturbed footprint (non-permitted lot) is not a good enough reason to propose buffer impacts. Jim Gove indicated that they will look for old wetland delineation data. Jim also asked if even if there weren't direct impacts to wetlands performed historically, would the Commission and the Planning Board still object to the upgrade of the lot.

Scott replied that the Commission typically does not favor hardscape in the buffer and that the design of the existing lot does not appear to have been designed for stormwater management as would be expected. Jim Gove and Dan Meditz responded that they will look for historical information regarding lot design and wetlands. The Commission decided to recommend to the Planning Board that the Board continue this project and not make a decision during their next meeting until the outstanding questions can be resolved.

## **PROPERTIES**

Guest: Dave Richards, Epping resident

Mr. Richards requested to address the Commission for support of the conservation of a parcel on Jacobs Well Road. The specific lot, D4085 - Lot 2, was taken by the Town for back taxes, and Mr. Richards would like to see the Town keep that land for conservation purposes instead of selling the parcel for development. Mr. Richards noted that the lot is in close proximity to multiple conservation areas and extends from the roadway down to the Lamprey River. Scott Pim indicated that the Commission will look into this parcel.

Tilton bridges - Ben

Ben indicated that the bridges can't be moved at this time but perhaps an earth anchor could be used to secure them in place once repositioned. They are not useful in their current condition. John Scully (resident) noted that the bridges are still present and that the water level is low.

Trail volunteers update – Ben

Ben has a list of volunteers. Brian and Emilea Avery, volunteers, have picked up trash at the Tilton property and logged their time on the new volunteer hours form.

Rose Marie Dumas Survey proposal – Scott

Scott has no update. Sandy to leave on agenda for next month.

Duck Boxes - Sandy

John Scully (resident) constructed wood duck boxes based on a design recommended by Ducks Unlimited. He installed the boxes at George Falls Woods, the Tilton property, Lagoon Rd along the Lamprey, and behind the wastewater treatment plant along the Lamprey where ducks have been previously observed. If he does not observe wood ducks using the boxes over the next 2-3 years, John will move them to new locations. John will also get coordinates for the current locations.

## **ADMIN**

Budget update – Dan

- Most recent report is from January 2022
- Escrow was at \$3,723
- LUCT account was at \$56,587
- Town budget \$6,000

Tech – Dan

- The website and Facebook account have been updated with the results of the warrant article vote
- The volunteer page/form has been updated; the form has been changed to notify the Commission when entries are made

#### Outreach – Barbara Willis

- Member bios - Trevor is going to work on photos/bios

#### Route 125 Improvement Project and Beard Sand Pit– Liz

- No update on Beard Sand Pit
- Sandy attended the Route 125 Improvement Project meeting. The DOT will attend a Planning Board meeting in April seeking public comment. Public hearings are planned for 2022/2023, with construction anticipated in 2025. Joe Trombley encouraged people to attend the April 18, 2022 meeting to contribute input on the project.

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

- George Falls Woods
  - Dan went to the historical society and found a reference to George H. Fall. Sandy found a deed that also listed Fall (no “S”).
  - Sandy will relook into prices for both a sign and gravel
- Group photos - reminder
  - ECC - May 25, 2022, 6:30pm
  - Volunteers - September 28, 2022; 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.