

Sunapee Conservation Commission meeting minutes for December 2 2020

Tim Fleury read the State of NH emergency order from the Governor.

Present: Van Webb at the Town office location, Lela Emery at the town office location, Tim Fleury at the town office location, Mark Reynolds via zoom.

Absent: Cliff Field

Mail:

LSPA Beacon News Letter

NHDES News Letter

DES standard dredge and fill wetlands permit application for Coffin Realty Trust, Robert G. Coffin, 26 Garnet Hill Rd, Sunapee NH 126/36 Dock and boathouse redo same foot print. Boat house and all of deck will have overhead covering. SCC no action required.

Standard Dredge and Fill application for Matthew Nominee Trust 217 Burkehaven Hill Rd, Sunapee 136/75 Rebuild existing retaining wall, build perched beach w/steps and steps to seasonal dock. SCC no action required.

Notice of incomplete Wetland Dredge and fill permit for Matthew Nominee Trust 217 Burkehaven Hill Sunapee, SCC no action required.

DES approval for Mary J Hogan, 60 Birch Pt Rd, Sunapee 136/54

DES approval for Lake Sunapee Yacht Club Stone End Rd, Sunapee 126/13

SCC received a copy of the Nutting Family Project easement and deed, base line documentation.

Tim Fleury made the motion to accept the meeting minutes of November as written. Lela Emery seconded the motion. All in favor: Mark yes, Lela Yes, Tim Yes, Van yes

Treasurer's report: using October balances and adjusting expenses we have \$17,126.02 in the CCF, Town Forest Fund \$5,221.56, Dewey \$1,610.95 Bartlett account \$29,090.70. The regular line item budget is 0.

Lela Emery made the motion to accept the report as read by Van per an emailed sent to all members. Seconded by Tim Fleury. All in favor Van yes, Lela Yes, Mark yes, Tim yes

SCC has been invited to hear a presentation for the proposed plan on the Old Smith Property at the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103 0225/0008. This allows the SCC to review the project and ask questions and give feedback on the plan. Joining the meeting via zoom is Nicole Gage, Town of Sunapee Zoning Administrator, Austin Turner Engineer and Eamon Moran President of Aubuchon Realty. Owner is requesting a variance on the aquafer overlay. After much discussion of the town's definition of the aquafer and the states definition of the aquafer, reviewing proposed development plans of the building and 30 parking spaces, storm water drainage, shore land protection of the sugar river. Nicole seeking variance input/opinion from the SCC on increasing the overlay on the aquafer from the max allowed of 20% to the proposal request which will bring it to 30%. After comment as a group, Van on behalf of the SCC will write up an opinion to be submitted to Nicole via email for the Zoning Board meeting. Nicole will read the statement on behalf of the SCC. SCC discussion as a group of the project and our opinion is the proposed site plan it is an intense use of the property. This wording was in the definition of guidance in granting the variance for aquafer overlay.

Town of Sunapee would like the SCC to request \$40,000 Warrant Article since the SCC will be receiving the \$12,000 in change of use fees. This is a reduction of \$15,000 on the Warrant article. SCC feels we have done great projects and in order for us to continue we will need funds and that will take time to build up again. So we feel cutting our warrant article as this time is not in our best interest. Van will request a meeting to speak to the reduction. SCC has had a good track record building up and spending wisely on projects trying to offset cost then asking for the town investment in community. Pandemic has increased the need for people to be outside, with the increase in population we need to protect our resources. Better to acquire funds year after year to build up vs ask for a warrant article with tax implications for funds for a project.

Ledge Pond Timber Sale – moving forward. A typo was corrected in the contract 1.60/thousands of white pine not 1.65. No projected start date, move machinery in and set up landing before freeze. The logger will do the wetlands permit of the 3-4 crossings. SCC would prefer the procedure order- to be file intent, do improvements, then cut.

Next meeting scheduled for 1/6/21