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Monti asked if there will be any solar. The response was that Revision Energy has been contacted and there are plans to install solar. A demo permit was received and plans are to start demolishing Wednesday, April 24, 2019. The Site Plan Review application was reviewed and deemed complete at a prior meeting. There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 PM. Urie made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review. Phelps seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Site Plan Review.

**Reports of Board Members:**

**Blinn** for the Selectboard: The board is working on the appointed Road Agent as a long range plan. And the bridge on Last Street has been completed.

**Teach-Chair** report: Planning Board Priorities were reviewed. And the Village Zone revamp needs to be brought forth and discussed again for 2020 town meeting.

**Conservation Commission**

**March 20, 2019**

**Present:** Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Jenny Bodwell, Jesse Schust

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 13, 2019, were approved with corrections.

**Correspondence:**

- Wildlines-Non Game Wildlife

Newsletter

- NHDES Environmental News-March and April
- Copy of Dredge and Fill Emergency follow up Application-from DOT to DES Wetlands Bureau-Rt. 11 (culvert that failed on Rt. 11 near Old College Rd in 2017)
- Post construction report on Proctor Pond dredging- from TES Consulting to DES Wetlands Bureau "In summary, the pond excavation project was successfully completed with negligible water quality issues or adverse effects on downstream resources resulting."
- Supply Lines newsletter from NHDES Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau
- Americorps letter advising CC of work crew availability - Tina noted that work crews have to be paid and are not free labor. Members did not think of any projects that would require that amount of labor.
- Merrimack County Conservation District newsletter
- ASLPT – thank you for membership

**ASLPT Outreach Meeting:**

Meeting of outreach committee is April 1, 2019, but other than that Jesse has nothing to report, other than Ben Killham will be speaking sometime in the future.

**SWQPA article:**

Members approved with minor edits, Jesse will have his friend edit it, and

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then Jenny will send it in to the Beacon.

**Town Meeting Day Table:**

Jesse said it went well. The Conservation Commission table included the latest wildlife maps. One showed highest ranked habitat where voters could place stickers where they have seen wildlife and one where voters could identify the habitat where they lived and then check out a brochure that gave information on animals in that area. It also included information on Bog Pond showing maps of flora and fauna that have been identified in the area surrounding the pond, and the new wildlife marker that will be used to mark the Bog Pond wetland.

**White Oak:**

Tina will determine wording for BOS request. Members voiced concerns for proximity to prime wetlands of the shed, materials (salt) stored in the shed or else where that could be dispersed in a flood event, and pollution from vehicle fluids that could enter the wetland. Tree buffers for rail trail and houses should be maintained. Tina will edit the rough draft and send it out to commission members.

**Bog Pond Mapping:**

Jesse is working on the following items to be included in map prior to meeting with Planning Board.

- re-located snowmobile trail from northern rail trail to circle K
- prime wetland boundary
- 50 foot minimum buffer to prime wetland
- forest buffer easement for Verizon cell tower to create contiguous easement area with transfer station easement
- outline of new Belletetes building and parking lot

**Elbow Pond subdivision:**

Alan reported via email that Proctor cannot afford the land at this time.

**Bradley Lake:**

- Jay Aube (NHDES) will do a site visit to logging road this Spring.
- There has been no progress on obtaining conservation easements but NHDES has prepared a very good map for us that shows Bradley lake with town and water district properties highlighted. Bradley Lake and surrounding land is a Hydrologic Area of Concern (HAC) and would be considered a high priority for the Drinking Water Grants that will be awarded this year.

**Other Business:**

The town transfer station will be putting in toilets with water for hand washing, and Jesse suggested to make sure that they have best practices in mind, perhaps getting a composting toilet. Members also voiced concerns that now with access to water, activities such as washing down the hopper could lead to contaminants leaking out into the adjacent wetland.

Jesse said Chris Schadler is available to do a presentation about coyotes, but the cost for the presentation is \$200.

Members think we should put it off for later in the year to give us time to find partners to sponsor the talk.

Members reported on progress of projects, and as not much progress was made, will report again next month.

**April 10, 2019**

**Present:** Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Jenny Bodwell, Jesse Schust, Alan McIntyre. Also present were all members the Selectboard and Shawn Upton for part of the meeting.

**Minutes:** Review of minutes from March 20, 2019. Alan made the motion to accept minutes as corrected, Jerry seconded and all were in favor.

**Coyote Hunting Bill- HB442:** Shawn Upton voiced concerns for hunters, as some groups are trying to change the composition of the NH Fish & Game Commission. He would like the Mission statement for our commission to include interests of hunters/fishers. In the future, a letter or email from our commission to the legislature will be taken by vote at a posted meeting. Apparently some supporters of the coyote bill said it was supported by wildlife biologists at New Hampshire Fish and Game. While the legislation was supported by some wildlife biologists, the testimony from New Hampshire Fish & Game did not support HB442. The Conservation Commission expressed appreciation to Shawn for taking time to share his concerns in person.

**ASLPT Outreach Meeting:** Members are from town conservation commissions within the areas served by Ausbon-Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Jesse said they are planning a workshop in the autumn to educate people who may want to put land into a conservation easement.

Andy Deegan prepared a "NOTICE OF THE EXERCISE OF RESERVED RIGHT" to legally change Mary Anne's conservation easement to to show that the allowed house lot has been sold to a family member. Alan made a motion to approve the notice of the exercise of reserve right, Jesse seconded, all approved. Jerry will sign in the presence of Andy, who needs to notarize it.

Tim Fleury, county forester, has a chart of town forest lands. He also knows how to use LiDAR to understand the land better.

**Conservation Commission Chairs ASLPT Meeting:** The main issue was with ATVs on class 6 roads. The recommendations were that Selectboards should talk with other towns who have opened these roads to ATVs before making any decisions.

**White Oak:** Dave Blinn reports that we are almost to the end of the 30-day period for NHDOT interdepartmental checks to ensure that no one has any interest in the land. Currently Andover has a temporary use agreement and the sale of the property to Andover must be approved by the Governor and the Executive Council. Things are moving along nicely, and once all is set, we will be updated. Once the sale is approved,

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