

Proctor Snowmaking Permit

The Proctor snowmaking intake from the Blackwater river needs work/repair and a NHDES Minimum Impact Permit is required. Jon works with Horizons Engineering, which does design and permitting for ski areas including systems for snowmaking. The Proctor system needs both long and short-term work to make their system sustainable.

The intake was originally installed in the late '70s or early '80s. They have a pump that draws water out of the Blackwater River that sends it to their snowmaking equipment. This year the river has changed its course. The water has cut across the old ox-bow so that the intake is no longer in a good location. Proctor needs a short-term solution for this year while they work on a long-term solution.

The proposal for this year, now that the channel is dead water, is to bring in a machine, dig a hole around the intake, create a little more water storage. Because Proctor discovered this fairly late, whatever is done needs to happen soon in order to be ready for this year's ski season. With our signature/approval DES will review this within thirty days.

A 20'x 10' area will be dredged, it will be surrounded by erosion control, and no trees will be cut. Heavy machinery would be on the bank; no machinery will be in the river.

Horizons Engineering needs to work on a permanent solution for the coming years. The future long-term solution will be complex, as the channel is dynamic and the course will continue to change.

Members felt a site visit was not necessary as Jesse and Jenny are quite familiar with the area. The permit is good for five years, so it could be dredged more than once.

They voted unanimously to sign off on the application for expedited approval of minimum impact dredging project for the Proctor Ski Area.

Jon offered his expertise to the CC for any wetlands permitting questions. It is important to keep in mind that the NHDES Wetlands rules will be revised in December.

Wetlands Ordinance

We hope to provide the Planning Board with our draft ordinance by the end of September so it can possibly be ready for a vote by the next Town Meeting. The ordinance is based on an overlay map that shows wetlands, surface waters, and vernal pools and their buffers that are described in the ordinance. Jesse will work on the map and will include the prime wetlands as approved at the 1989 town meeting. GRANIT mapping tools allow inserting buffers, so Jesse will try to add these as well.

There is no mapping of Andover's vernal pools available at this point. There is a manual by Fish and Game that describes how to work with interested town residents to identify and

map vernal pools. CC members agree that identifying vernal pools is an important future project.

The current draft allows the Planning Board to require a site evaluation by a wetland scientist if it appears a wetland is nearby rather than a requirement for all building permits.

The definition of surface waters (from the state law) currently in the draft includes seasonal streams. We need to determine if we really want seasonal streams in the ordinance.

Mary Anne will incorporate Tina's comments, suggestions from the August 22 CC meeting, and additional feedback from Sandy Crystall and send a new draft to members.

Co-Occurrence Map

Alan and Jesse will be working with Harvey Pine. Jesse will invite Harvey to join us at our next meeting. As noted at a previous meeting, our two main questions are: Do we want to change the weighting? Do we want to add or delete layers?

Newman/McKenna Easement

Amanda Hollenbeck sent us copies of the monitoring forms for 2019. The Town of Andover is the easement holder. We have a chart of all the protected lands in Andover (done by Derek). Alan cannot update the chart because of the format used by Derek. Derek is going to put the chart in a new format so that it can be easily updated.

Jerry will contact current owner, Jim McKenna, to let him know that monitoring will be done this year and ask if he wants to be there. We will do two monitoring walks of this property. Derek will do a detailed one, and a group of CC members will do one by the house.

November Meeting

Barbara Richter, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, will be joining us to talk about the role of Conservation Commissions.

Champagne Gravel Public Hearing

Champagne's proposed excavation project is located at 235 Bay Road. Jesse attended the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday September 10 to learn more of Champagne's proposed excavation project.

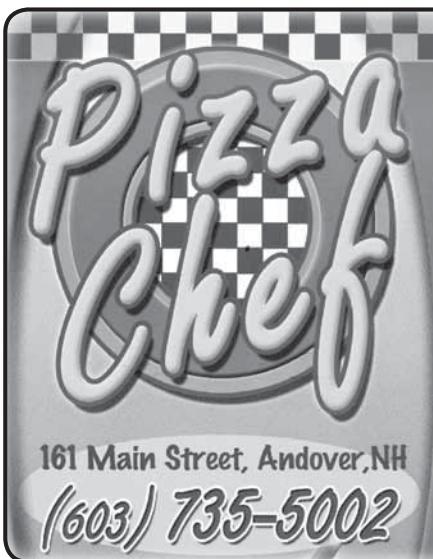
Jesse reported that the meeting was a well-attended meeting; it was filmed, so it will be available on cable TV. John Champagne's agent, John Bentley was there as well and did much of the presenting. The firm that has been retained for engineering the site gave their positive views on how the project could work.

Much of the time was spent asking questions. There are abutters in Salisbury who are concerned, and CC members felt it was important for the Salisbury CC to submit comments. This is a project of regional concern and the Salisbury Select Board and Salisbury Planning Board have been involved.

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