

**ACTION SHEET
REGULAR MEETING
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1 JUNKINS AVENUE
Conference Room "A"**

3:30 PM

January 10, 2007

Members Present: Chairman Steven Miller; Vice Chairman James Horrigan; Members, Allison Tanner, Brian Wazlaw, Barbara McMillan, Eva Powers, and Skye Maher

Members Excused: Alternate Mary Ann Blanchard

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Britz, Environmental Planner

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Dori Wiggin of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services spoke with the Commission about wetland permitting.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Chairman Miller was elected to serve as Chairman and Mr. Horrigan was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2007.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 8, 2006

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

December 13, 2006

Mr. Horrigan requested that a correction be made to the minutes. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

III. STATE WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Standard Dredge and Fill Application
30 Franklin Street
Assessor Map 102, Lot 58
Barbara Renner, owner

The Commission voted to deny approval of the application for the following reasons:

- 1) That concern was expressed as to the demonstrated need for the retaining wall.
- 2) That the construction on the site would cause water quality impacts to the South Mill Pond due to erosion of existing soils during construction.
- 3) That the plans do not adequately show the details of the construction, the staging areas, and the erosion control measures which will be installed.

III. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

- A. 1800 Woodbury Avenue
Gerber Dental
Assessor Map 239, Lot 7-3
SGB & RGB Ventures, LLC

The Commission voted to deny approval of the application for the following reasons:

- 1) The applicant has not properly addressed the downspouts on the back of the building that are causing erosion.
- 2) The applicant has not conducted proper maintenance by removing trash from the wetland behind the site.
- 3) Some members of the Commission believed that the reason this project was approved originally was because of the reduction of impervious surfaces in the buffer. By adding parking spaces back in, which the applicant had agreed to remove, would compromise the basis for the original approval.

- B. US Route One Bypass
Meadowbrook Inn Redevelopment
Assessor Map 234, Lot 51
Key Auto Group, Inc., owner

The Commission voted to table the application pending the results of a site study conducted by an independent wetland scientist.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

PSNH Update

Mr. Britz updated the Commission on his discussion with PSNH about brush cutting around wetlands.

Prime Wetlands Update

Mr. Britz reported that he is continuing to put together a report on Prime Wetlands and will present it at the February meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:35 p.m., it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Good
Conservation Commission Secretary