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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room
of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

Action Items

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between New England Mountain Biking Association and the Exeter Conservation Commission for public safety support in the Oaklands and Henderson Swasey Town Forests (*Jason Fritz, NEMBA*)
2. Discussion of potential design alternatives for site development, mitigation and restoration at 156 Epping Road to remediate unpermitted wetland impacts. Tax Map and Lot 47/01 (*Ken Knowles, Eaglebrook Engineering and Survey*)
3. Event application for the Exeter Snowshoe Hullabaloo snowshoe race, February 21st in the Henderson Swasey Town forest (*Sarah Sallade*)
4. Discussion of Proposed Epping Road Corridor Wetland Zoning Amendments
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Boundary Monitoring
 - b. Trails
 - c. Outreach
 - d. Forest Management Plan
6. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2015
7. Treasurers Report
8. Natural Resources Planner's Report and Correspondence
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting: Alternate Date Selection and Agenda Items

Jay Gregoire, Chair

Exeter Conservation Commission

Posted February 5th, 2015 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.



New England Mountain Bike Patrol

Patrolling Parks-Conservation Land Trails and Assisting Land Managers

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to clearly define the relationship between the New England Mountain Bike Patrol (NEMBA Patrol) and The Town of Exeter Conservation Commission. As the NEMBA Patrol has a desire to assist The Exeter Conservation Commission, the NEMBA Patrol requests approval to patrol the Oaklands and Henderson Swasey Town Forest ~~designated park or~~ trail system offering assistance to any users in need.

DEFINITION:

The NEMBA Patrol is an all-volunteer program of the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) and a local element of the National Mountain Bike Patrol managed by the International Mountain Bike Association. The mission of the Mountain Bike Patrol is to educate, inform and assist all trail users as well as create a highly visible presence helping NEMBA advocate good and safe use of trails.

Each NEMBA Patroller is trained by American Red Cross certified trainers in Wilderness First Aid and AED/CPR. In addition, every Patroller is trained on basic bike repairs such as changing flat tires, fixing broken chains, etc. When patrolling, each Patroller wears the distinctive red and white Patrol Jersey and carries ~~park~~ trail maps, basic tools, repair items and First Aid materials. Once trained and certified, Patrollers are assigned to specific ~~parks of~~ Town Forest trail networks where they become familiar with the assigned ~~park of~~ Town Forest trail network as it is paramount for a Patroller to know their exact location should emergency assistance need to be called.

While patrolling, Patrollers may ride in pairs or alone concentrating on areas that need attention, and from time-to-time, will provide assistance to NEMBA-organized rides and events. At least one member of each team carries a cellular telephone, and should they encounter an accident or emergency, Patrollers are trained as first responders to stabilize the situation until medical or emergency help arrives.

NEMBA Patrol Role and Responsibilities:



1. Patrol on bicycle and monitor the designated ~~park or~~ trail network on an unscheduled basis. Each Patroller will wear the red and white National Mountain Bike jersey as identifying clothing, and carries medical materials, bicycle repair parts/tools and ~~park-trail~~ maps when available.
2. Provide emergency medical and other assistance to all trail users, as required.
3. Respect environmental and trail conditions.
4. Advise and educate trail users on ~~park and~~ municipal trail use policies and NEMBA's good use of the trails philosophy, as required.
5. Patrollers are not an enforcement agency and will not enforce ~~park and~~ municipal rules or regulations; they will simply inform, educate and assist all trail users.
6. Know how to contact local authorities and emergency personnel should the need arise.
7. Patrollers will not provide any ~~park-trail~~ users with any over-the-counter medications.
8. Meet with the land manager or other designated authority monthly during the season to coordinate and to provide updates on Patrol activities.
9. Patrollers will report all incidents, dangerous trail conditions, medical situations requiring transport, or anything out of the ordinary to the land manager or other designated authority.
10. Provide the land manager or other designated authority with the names and contact data for Patrollers that will patrol the parkTown Forest trail network.
11. Cease patrol operations upon notice by the land manager or other designated authority.
12. NEMBA shall have at all times and provide to the Conservation Commission proof at adequate insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.
13. NEMBA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town and its Conservation Commission from and against any and all injury, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims or damage (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) to any person or property (i) arising from, related, or in connection with any act or omission of NEMBA, its agents, contractors, employees, customers, and invitees while on the properties identified above. This indemnification shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

The Town of Exeter Conservation Commission's Role and Responsibilities:

1. Approve NEMBA Patrol's operation in the park(s) or Town Forest trail networks under the land manager or other designated authority's control or jurisdiction.
2. Advise the Patrol of scheduled activities with potential to generate incidents necessitating NEMBA services, including, but not necessarily limited to: logging, competitive or other user community group events, training of forestry, law enforcement, fire or military personnel.
3. Provide the Patrol with the names and contact date of key land management personnel for reporting incidents.
4. Terminate the Patrol's participation in a respective park-Town Forest without notice.



On behalf of The Exeter Conservation Commission and NEMBA Patrol, I have read the above document and agree to the terms set forth herein.

Dated: _____

By: Jay Gregoire
Position: Chairman

Dated: _____

By: Jason Fritz
Position: NH Patrol Director



Eaglebrook Engineering & Survey, LLC

Civil Engineers, Land Planners and Land Surveyors

January 28, 2015

Ms. Kristen Murphy, Natural Resource Planner
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

**Re: 156 Epping Road
Exeter, NH**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

On behalf of the applicant, Michael Lampert of Al's Automotive and Truck Service Center, Eaglebrook Engineering & Survey requests to be placed on the February 10, 2015 Conservation Commission agenda to discuss the recent grading activity and potential design alternatives at the above referenced property.

In October, 2014 the owner, Michael Lampert, received a timber cutting permit from the Town of Exeter for the rear of the property at 156 Epping Road. Unbeknownst to Mr. Lampert, a portion of the area included a forested wetland. The Town filed a complaint with NHDES for the unpermitted activity in a wetland and worked ceased. Erosion control was installed at the direction of Eaglebrook to minimize any sediment transport to the adjacent wetlands.

The applicant is working with Eaglebrook and Seekamp Environmental Consulting to determine the best design to mitigate the disturbed wetlands while providing a reasonable use of the property. We have evaluated several design alternatives and would like the Commission's input prior to finalizing a design approach. Enclosed please find an Existing Conditions Plan depicting the recently disturbed area and previously delineated wetland.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. We look forward to discussing the project with the Commission on February 10. Thank you.

Sincerely,

EAGLEBROOK ENGINEERING & SURVEY, LLC

Michael J. Juliano, P.E., P.L.S.
Principal

Cc: Michael Lampert
Patrick Seekamp



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EAGLEBROOK ENGINEERING & SURVEY, LLC

491 MAPLE STREET, SUITE 304 DANVERS, MASS. 01923 TEL: (978) 777-0494

156 EPPING ROAD LOCATED IN EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE PREPARED FOR MICHAEL LAMPERT 156 EPPING ROAD EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STAMP:

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2015

REVISIONS:

NO.	DESCRIPTION:	DATE:

DRAWN BY: KCK CHECKED BY: MJJ SCALE: AS NOTED

PROJECT NO. 13-029

TITLE: SITE PLAN EX-1

SHEET No. 1 OF 1

LEGEND:

- WF#A1 WETLAND FLAG
- EOP EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- +100.5 CATCHBASIN
- 100- EXISTING SPOT ELEVATION
- - - EXISTING CONTOUR
- ○ ○ FENCE

REFERENCES:

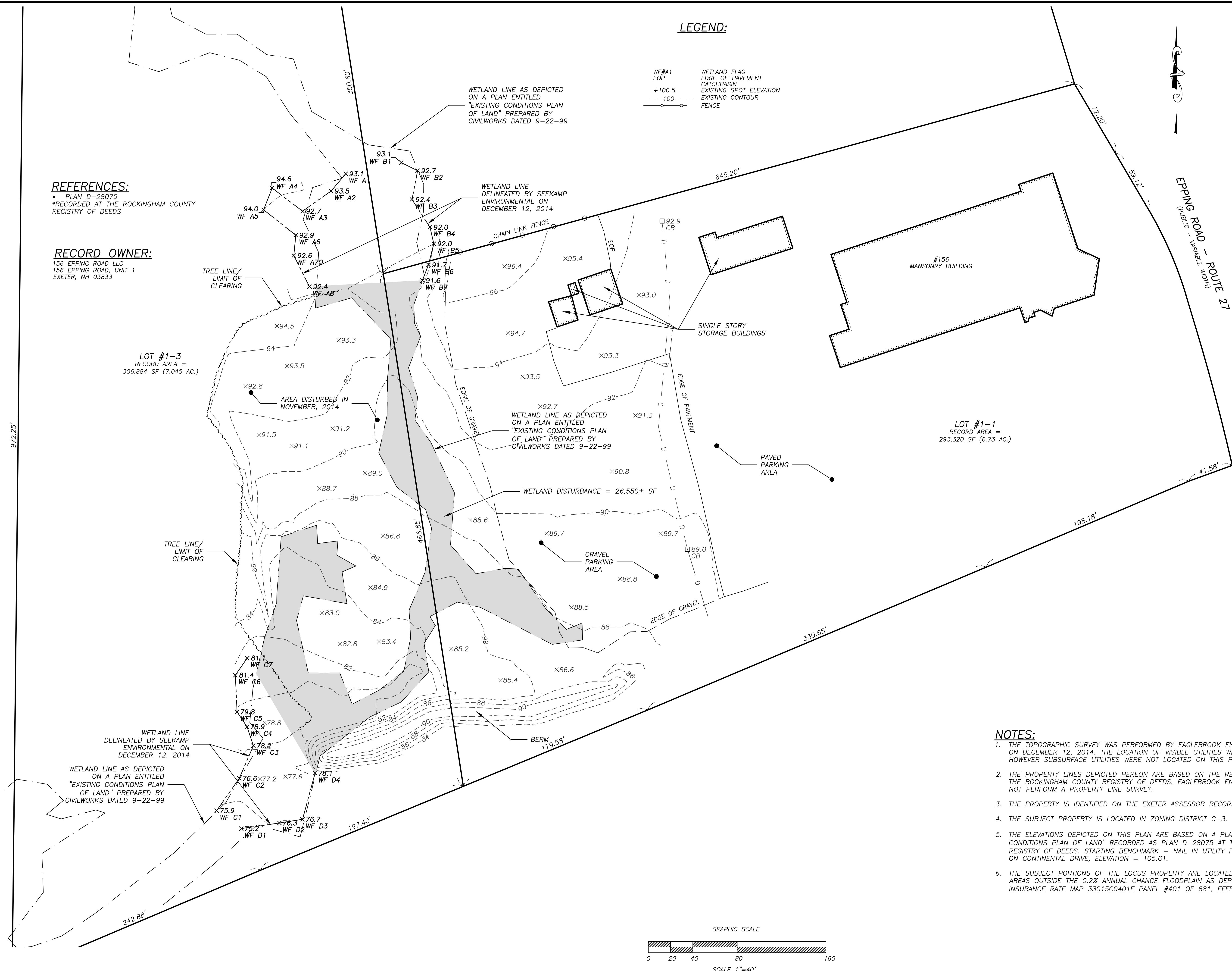
- PLAN D-28075
- *RECORDED AT THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

RECORD OWNER:

156 EPPING ROAD LLC 156 EPPING ROAD, UNIT 1 EXETER, NH 03833

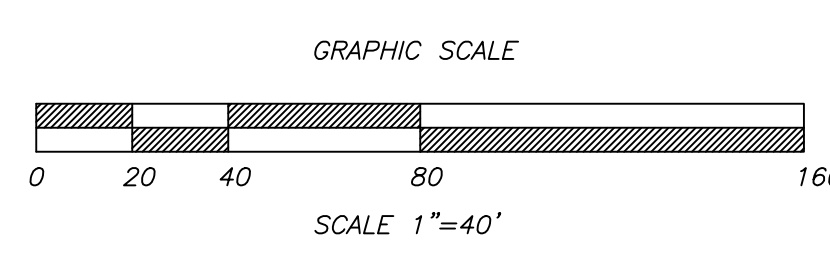
LOT #1-3 RECORD AREA = 306,884 SF (7.045 AC.)

LOT #1-1 RECORD AREA = 293,320 SF (6.73 AC.)



NOTES:

- THE TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS PERFORMED BY EAGLEBROOK ENGINEERING & SURVEY LLC ON DECEMBER 12, 2014. THE LOCATION OF VISIBLE UTILITIES WERE FIELD LOCATED HOWEVER SUBSURFACE UTILITIES WERE NOT LOCATED ON THIS PLAN.
- THE PROPERTY LINES DEPICTED HEREON ARE BASED ON THE RECORD PLAN ON FILE AT THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS. EAGLEBROOK ENGINEERING & SURVEY DID NOT PERFORM A PROPERTY LINE SURVEY.
- THE PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED ON THE EXETER ASSESSOR RECORDS AS MAP 47, LOT 1.
- THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN ZONING DISTRICT C-3.
- THE ELEVATIONS DEPICTED ON THIS PLAN ARE BASED ON A PLAN ENTITLED "EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN OF LAND" RECORDED AS PLAN D-28075 AT THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS. STARTING BENCHMARK - NAIL IN UTILITY POLE #1131/5 NETT 310/5 ON CONTINENTAL DRIVE, ELEVATION = 105.61.
- THE SUBJECT PORTIONS OF THE LOCUS PROPERTY ARE LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE X - AREAS OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN AS DEPICTED ON THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP 33015C0401E PANEL #401 OF 681, EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 17, 2005.



From: Lewis, Eben [mailto:Eben.Lewis@des.nh.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Kenneth Knowles
Cc: Michael Lampert; seekampp.sec@comcast.net; Sylvia VonAulock; Kristen Murphy
Subject: NH DES Land Resources Management File No. 2014-03131, 156 Epping Road, Exeter

Hi Ken,

Thank you for coming into the office this morning. The purpose of our meeting was to review the "Site Plan" dated January 5, 2015 by Eaglebrook Engineering & Survey, LLC (the "Plan") and discuss the next steps for the above-referenced property. The Plan had been requested by DES in our December 10, 2014 letter.

During the meeting the following was discussed:

1. The Plan depicts the lot lines, topography, and previously delineated wetlands as found on the NHSC, Inc. plan from 1999 in addition to the delineation of the fill and existing wetlands by Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc.
2. The quantified area of unauthorized fill within the wetlands is approximately 26,556 square feet.
3. In summary, DES stated that this plan was needed to understand the extent of the unauthorized impacts on the property. Mr. Lampert expressed interests in expanding the existing parking area on the property into the impacted areas, restore a portion of the filled wetlands, and construct wetlands.
4. DES recommended the following:
 - a. Use the [Natural Heritage Bureau DataCheck Tool](#) to perform a site review. The NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) maintains data on known locations of rare species and exemplary natural communities. The NHB DataCheck Tool allows anyone planning a project in New Hampshire that requires a permit to find out if there are NHB records in the vicinity of the project.
 - b. Develop three (3) conceptual plans for exploring alternative designs to include:
 - i. Minimizing the extent of fill requested for retention;
 - ii. Maximizing the impacted wetlands to be restored;
 - iii. Maintaining the hydrological connectivity of the wetlands from the northerly boundary of the property to the southerly corner of the property; and,
 - iv. Incorporating new stormwater controls to treat on-site stormwater runoff.
 - c. Bring the proposal to the Exeter Conservation Commission (ECC) for their input.
 - d. Lastly, meet with DES to finalize plans for restoration/retention after incorporating design considerations from the ECC prior to the submittal of an application to DES
5. As soon as possible and/or when site conditions allow, perform test pits with an excavator to determine the extent of rock and ledge on site. There shall be no further impacts to undisturbed wetlands.

Please let us know the outcome of the test pits and meeting(s) with the ECC. In the meantime while the design is being finalized, please maintain the siltation and erosion controls on site to ensure there are no further wetland impacts or water quality violations. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,
Eben

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Visit [DES Land Resources Management](#) for helpful tools and information!

Exeter Conservation Commission

Event Agreement

NOTE: This agreement is in addition to permits required by the Town of Exeter.

Event Name: *Snowshoe Hullabaloo – Snowshoe Race* Event Date: *Saturday February 21nd, 2015*

Point of Contact: *Sarah Sallade 603 568 2505 sarah.silverberg@gmail.com*

Ri Fahnestock 603 866 1268 gobolder@gmail.com

Estimate of Participants: *100*

Event Description: *Snowshoe race for people of all ages and abilities. Held in Henderson-Swasey Forest, starting at the unofficial entrance at the end of Commerce Way, making a figure 8 in the woods and returning to the start. The race part of the Granite State Snowshoe Series, which draws people from around New England. We have ongoing permission with J.Shafmaster, S.Heal and J.Deane to use their property as part of the race and always have our COIs on hand during the race.*

Please read, sign and initial below. A copy of the notice of Authorization will be provided to you upon signature by the Conservation Commission and should be in hand on the day of the event.

I, *Sarah Sallade* agree to comply with the following terms for the above referenced event.

- SS Event related activities do not involve private property, unless authorized in writing by landowner, with such permission provided to the Conservation Commission 2 days prior to the event.
- SS Two (2) days prior to the event, the course conditions will be inspected. If trails are wet, the event will be cancelled or re-routed to avoid wet conditions.
- SS The event will be cancelled if rain occurs after the inspection or on the day of the race
- SS All litter will be removed within 24 hours following the event
- SS Inspection of trail conditions will be with the Conservation Commission’s representative prior to and after the event. Trails will be returned to pre-event conditions within 7 days following the event.
- SS A map of the planned route is attached
- SS Trail markings shall be non-permanent
- SS Organizers are responsible for making arrangements for parking at Department of Public Works (if applicable), police and traffic control, and provisions for port-a-potties at their expense.

Date/Time of

Date/Time of

Pre-run Inspection _____

Post-run Inspection _____



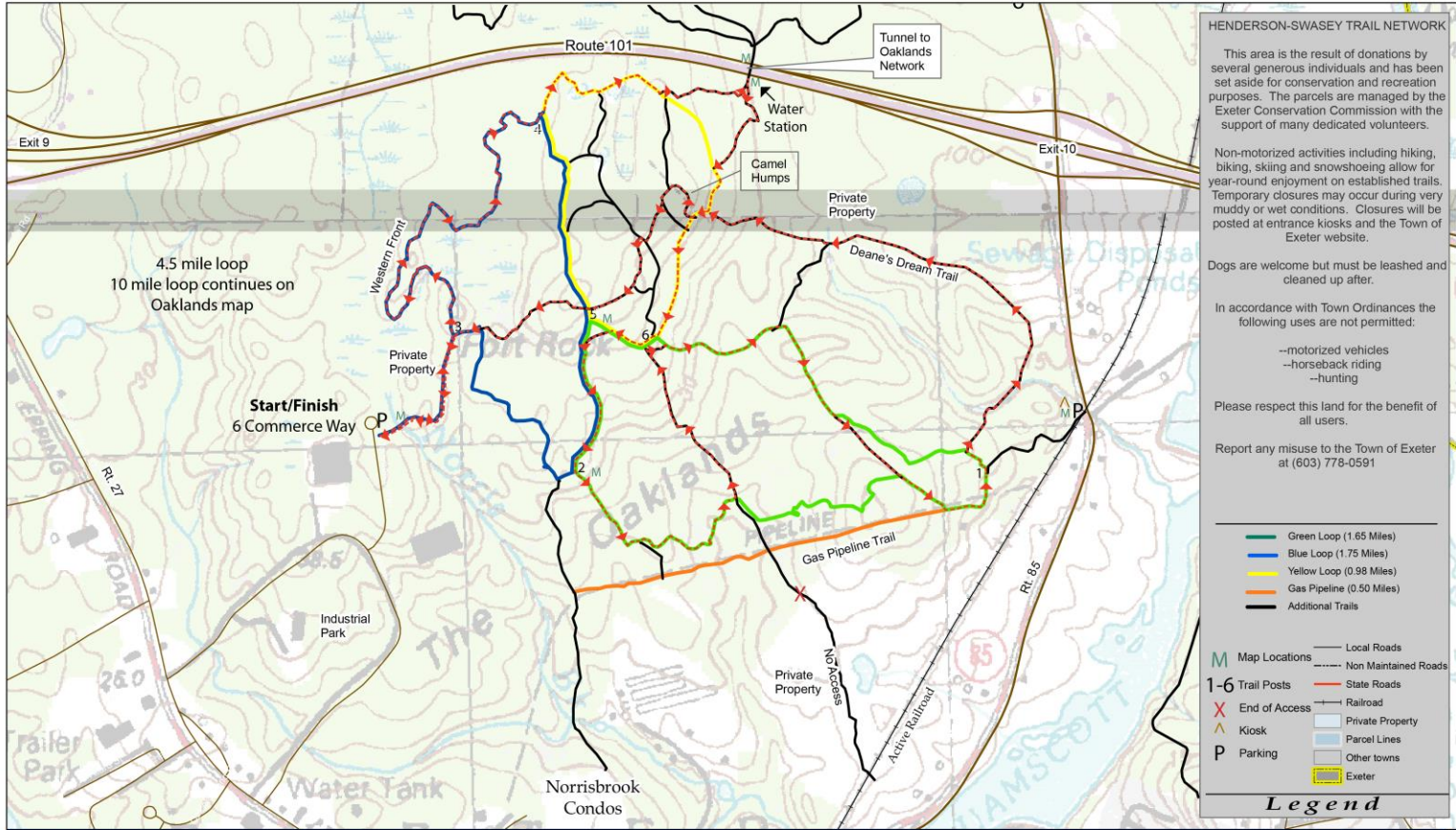
2/5/15 _____

Event Point of Contact

Date

Conservation Commission

Date



Trail Network
Town of Exeter, NH



Henderson - Swasey Network



Please note: Some trails cross onto private property. The landowners have allowed the use of the trails, but please respect their property.



Draft Minutes
Exeter Conservation Commission
January 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town offices on the above date:

1. Introduction of Members Present: Don Briselden, Alyson Eberhardt, Pete Richardson, Virginia Raub, Jay Gregoire, Anne Surman (BOS), Cynthia Field, Mike Field, Natural Resource Planner, Kristen Murphy, Maggie Matick, Bill Campbell
2. Public Comment: None

Alternates Mr. Campbell and Ms. Raub would not be voting tonight.

ACTION ITEMS:

Anne Surman motioned to move the bike patrol up to the top of the agenda, second by Ms. Field.

VOTE: *Unanimous*

1. New England Mountain Bike Patrol :

Jason Fritz from New England Mountain Bike Patrol spoke about the possibility of patrolling parts of the Town Forest. He said all of the patrolmen have at least Wilderness First Aid. Mr. Fritz said the group has a memorandum of understanding with the town. Mr. Gregoire made a slight change to the MOU. Mr. Briselden suggested the Commission to run this proposal by Town Counsel. P. Richardson asked what areas would be patrolled. Mr. Fritz said the Swazey and Oakland's trails.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Grisett of Exeter commented that this agenda item was not publicly noticed sufficiently to take action.

Mr. Gregoire confirmed that no decision was to be made tonight. This was for discussion purposes only. Members will email Ms. Murphy with any modifications and she will have the document reviewed by Town counsel prior to the next Commission meeting.

2. Squamscott River Sediment Remediation

Mark McCabe of the consulting company AECOM presented a standard dredge and fill application to remediate contaminated soils within the Squamscott River resulting from a leak in the 50s from the former Gas Plant. Mr. McCabe provided a copy of a letter of support from New Hampshire Fish and Game. Fish and Game had asked the consultant to start the project by late October and be finish by December 1 to avoid impact to the smelt run. Mr. McCabe said they would like to see a letter of support from the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Eberhardt asked if possible they target an already disturbed area with phragmites invasion (invasive plant). Ms. Murphy said that the Conservation Commission may sign off on the letter of support to send to NHDES in order to prevent the group from having to come back for a second meeting.

Mr. Richardson motioned to write a letter of support for the project as presented, second by Ms. Surman. VOTE: Unanimous

3. Proposed Epping Road Corridor Wetland Zoning Amendments

Darren Winham, Economic Development Director for Exeter described the proposed wetland zoning amendments for the Tax Increment Financing District along Epping Road. Mr. Winham said he and Jim Gove, wetland scientist were available just before the meeting to answer any questions about the wetlands and proposed changes as Mr. Gove had another obligation during this meeting. Mr. Winham said the three areas along Epping Road to be included are C3, CT1 and I zones. Mr. Winham said this amendment takes into account the functions and values of the wetlands to determine the buffer size. Mr. Winham emphasized that this area was designated by the community as an Economic Revitalization Zone which is why he is proposing to reduce setbacks for this area. Ms. Surman summarized what was presented in the 6pm meeting with Jim Gove and stated that the function and value approach was implemented in Kingston, NH. Mr. Winham stated that this method was based on the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) method. Clement stated he felt the existing wetland ordinance painted too broad a picture and that all wetland were valued the same. Ms. Murphy clarified that the existing wetland ordinance does not use functions and values but did define buffers by wetland types – more sensitive wetlands had larger buffers. Mr. Clement stated that our existing wetland ordinance was scaring away developers and this proposed the method would allow for a reduction of buffers around wetlands but only for this area. He felt this was critical for the kind of development we need to develop our tax base. He said he would never urge this table for the entire town but perhaps in the future this method with higher numbers for larger buffers could be applied to the rest of town.

Ms. Raub asked if other developers would challenge this for example off of Holland way. She provided an example of a project along Holland Way that worked with the Planning Board through the existing methods and through modifications were able to reduce impacts to the wetlands and the project was approved by the Planning Board. She stated she didn't think there had been any applications that had been refused. She questioned if Amendment #4 with the word "value" was a duplication of this effort.

Mr. Winham said the proposed changes were approved by Town's legal council and that this was not spot zoning. Mr. Winham said that though the Planning Board has been fairly lenient when it comes to waivers, developers are concerned of the expenses required to get to that point. Developers look at a region and compares towns with neighbors. This way they can send a scientist out to evaluate the property before they have a purchase and sales to know what development can happen without waivers. Mr. Clement said this being particular to these types of zones is the nature of zoning. Mr. Clement said the values section under Amendment 4 did not detail out the functions and

values like this does, as determined by the ACE. Ms. Eberhardt said that while the ACE defines the functions and values they did not assign the number criteria that defines the buffer and that Kingston uses a very different number assignment. Ms. Eberhardt expressed her concern that this is complex science and that this has not been a transparent process, and that the Commission and public have not had enough opportunity to advise on this. She clarified that this is not a bad idea but we need to do it strategically and this is too complicated to do that in a week.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Wilson of Colcord Pond, Exeter said the lots along the Epping Corridor are expansive and cannot be broken. Mr. Wilson said reasons expressed in the past for not being able to develop in this area was because there was lots of shelf and rock and wetlands were not brought up then. He said this is a sensitive area.

Mr. Grisett said he worked as an environmental land use consultant. He said he did not have a problem with what was proposed. Mr. Grisett agreed this is a complex field and the values can be debated back and forth but it is scientifically based. Mr. Grisett said the number one issue to the town is decisions on economic development as stated at the All Boards meeting. He said because of subjectivity, some developers were afraid to develop in an area.

Mr. Campbell said if they didn't impact the buffer they did not have to come to the Conservation Commission or Planning Board. Mr. Clement said if the developer met the requirements they would not need a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Campbell said if the wetland had low numbers than the developer would not need permission to build on the wetland. Mr. Clement said it was state law to get a permit for filling in a wetland.

Mr. Winham said he was new to the system and though he would have liked to include board review early on he did not believe they were moving too fast. He said this approach was approved by a professional wetland scientist who put his stamp of approval on the proposed changes. He did not want their professionalism to be discounted.

Ms. Raub questioned if this did not pass, would it affect the passing of the TIF proposal. Mr. Winham stated it does not but it does greatly impair the ability to develop Epping Rd. Ms. Raub asked if this had been applied to wetlands to see if it does reduce the buffer. Mr. Winham stated that his consultant looked at a lot of these spots and has used this method in other areas.

Mr. Richardson said this varies from Kingston in both the points and the buffer distances. Mr. Winham said it was intentionally made different so we could put buildings closer to wetlands that are less functional. Ms. Eberhardt said she is not against this idea, but it's the numbers and there is an inability to change them at the Planning Board. Ms. Eberhardt described functions (nutrient cycling, sediment) and values (flood storage, human derived functions) of wetlands. She said the wetlands provide services that will be

impaired by these buffer sizes. She cited a reference by the Environmental Law Institute which says you only start to get some of those functions at a 30 foot buffer. That requires 6 points under this method. This is an order of magnitude of where we need to be to get those functions and values and that a wetland without a buffer is an impaired wetland.

Mr. Winham said the community has little opportunity to create a tax base. He said the opportunity is now, not later which is why the approached a wetland scientist. Ms. Eberhardt stated that there is a subjective component to this method and that comes straight from the ACE manual. Ms. Murphy described that all proposed zoning amendments are being proposed. On the 22nd the Planning Board will vote individually to move them forward to town meeting or not.

Ms. Surman said she felt educated at the meeting with Mr. Gove before the Commission meeting about the different types of wetlands. Ms. Surman said Mr. Winham was tasked with a big job and had made great strides. She said the town needs to balance conservation with economics.

Mr. Richardson commented when looking at buffers, size matters. He said he was in favor of the proposal but opposed to the numbers presented.

Mr. Clement said it was a detailed process to determine the function and values assigned to buffers.

With respect to reducing complexity of zoning ordinances, Mr. Field commented that this method didn't because they still have to deal with the buffers even with the new amendments.

Mr. Grisett asked to view the proposal as an economic need for development to sustain the town. The TIFF amendments would affect three small areas of the town. Mr. Grisett described the development as a maximum tax value with impact on low value wetlands.

Ms. Eberhardt commented that she does not see their views as competing.

After a brief recess Mr. Gregoire announced the meeting was back on the record.

4. Tan Lane Parking Lot Improvements Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit Application, Map 72 Lot 209

Mark Leighton with Phillips Exeter Academy described the project. Mr. Leighton described a gravel parking lot on Tan Lane that needed to be updated. The gravel lot would be paved and would go from 29 to 45 spaces.

Jeff Clifford consultant from Altus Engineering talked about the wetlands and the buffer. Mr. Clifford said the site did not currently have storm water management in place. Mr. Clifford said the wetland might be man made from when the area was used as tanneries. Mr. Clifford said the Commission needed to sign the permit and send to the Applicant.

Luke Hurley representing Gove Environmental Services Inc. described the functions and values of the wetlands.

Mr. Briselden asked if there was a landscape plan. Ron Johnson from PEA described the landscaping design.

Ms. Eberhardt asked if they would pull out the invasive plants. Mr. Johnson replied yes.

Ms. Surman motioned to sign for approval of the minimum impact expedited wetland permit, second by Mr. Richardson. VOTE: Unanimous

5. Raynes Farm Long Range Development Plan Update

Mr. Briselden said input was welcome to changes in the plan. Mr. Gregoire said it was a nice start.

Ms. Murphy said the floor boards were completed and the patchwork for the side wall.

6. Forest Management Plan Implementation

Mr. Briselden said if forest management were to occur this year then actions needed to be taken. Mr. Campbell said the forester was concerned with logging around the public.

Mr. Briselden said it would be part of the discussion to close the trail.

Mr. Richardson moved to approve the plan, second by Ms. Field. VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Murphy said when funds become available in March there will be \$3,000-\$5,000 in seed money.

Mr. Briselden said this is an opportunity for public outreach.

Ms. Raub suggested notifying the forester of the approval.

7. Approval of the minutes from December 9, 2014

Ms. Surman motioned to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Briselden. VOTE: Unanimous

8. Other Business

Ms. Murphy discussed the Raynes Farm lease. Ms. Murphy said Nate Merrill acquired 100 acres of land but cannot manage. Ms. Muphy said Lessee can assign a lease with written consent of the Town.

Ms. Murphy said there will be a History of Agriculture as told by local Barns talk on February 15 in Stratham.

Mr. Gregoire asked if there was time to deal with the lease issue until next meeting. Ms. Murphy said there was time.

These minutes are subject to possible corrections/revisions at a subsequent
Exeter Conservation Commission Meeting

9. Next Meeting: February 10, 2015

Mr. Briselden moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Raub. VOTE: unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah McGraw