Conservation Commission – Public February 3, 2016

Members: Members: Chairman Carsten Springer, Jason Holder, Allan Hess, Robert Loree, Patty Shogren

(alternate member)
<u>Absent</u>: David Caillouette

Others in attendance: Kim Farah (BOS Representative), Jim and Denise O'Leary

Meeting called to order @ 7:30PM and televised

<u>Pledge of Allegiance was recited:</u> by those present.

Chairman Springer appointed Patty Shogren a voting member in the absence of David Caillouette.

<u>Minutes</u>: The minutes of the January 27, 2016 minutes were reviewed and amended. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Bobby and seconded by Carsten. Bobby and Carsten voted yes. Allan, Jason and Patty abstained. The motion passed.

Old Business: Jim O'Leary appeared before the ConCom to give them more information regarding their waterfront property located at 271 Long Pond Rd, between the Pond and Long Pond Rd. He brought enlarged copies of the map of the property prepared by their engineer, which included the existing blueprint and proposed changes to the property. They hope to remove the smaller of two sheds on the property and add a 22'x22' garage which will be further back from the shoreline. He explained the state requires a shoreline permit application for a structure within 50' of water. He pointed out that the state divides the map into grids and measures the trees and bushes and requires a basal area of 50 % in each grid which is counted by a state engineer. Most of the grid areas on the property numbered 50-58 trees/bushes. Where the garage is proposed they will need to remove a few bushes bringing the total to <50. They will add landscaping from the state's approved list which will bring the total to 50. Carsten explained that the board was pretty much for the proposed changes presented at the last meeting but wanted clarification that the changes on the property were in fact the addition of a garage after the removal of a small shed with a reduction of 80 sq. feet. Carsten noted that having a garage is safer for the environment because if there is any leakage from cars, it would be better contain the runoff. Mr. O'Leary informed the members that the driveway would remain gravel and be slightly larger. This area plus a space further down on the property would accommodate a couple more vehicles, keeping the cars off of Long Pond Road as a safety issue. Jason commented that he is very familiar with the property and this represents quite an improvement. When asked about the septic plans, Mr. O'Leary explained there is a state approved system with a 750 gal holding tank with a 405 gal load a day and a leach field with a pump up system. They must next appear before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and are waiting to hear from the state regarding final shoreline application approval. He gave the members a colored sketch of the house and explained the addition that had been made to the back will be removed and a screen porch added. Patty thought he may not need to go to the ZBA because it is a lot of record under 2 acres and the footprint is not changing. Carsten sought a motion to allow him to write a letter of support regarding the changes to the property at 271 Long Pond Rd. The motion was made by Jason, seconded by Allan and approved unanimously. Patty thanked Mr. O'Leary for his well prepared presentation with agreement from the other ConCom members.

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Update on the Unitil Project: Carsten reviewed the Unitil secondary line proposal for the audience. The plan was to run a line up route 111 from Kingston and turn the corner at 111a towards the center of town noting that this project has minimal wetlands impact. The planning board asked that ConCom review the proposal because a slight change was made to the plan. The line will now turn the corner at 111a, come down Main St. for a distance and then go 90 degrees straight across to an existing pole. There was discussion by the planning board (PB) regarding putting the lines underground. Allan explained it would cost 10x to bore under a state road and the piping alone is expensive. Carsten noted the wetlands impact would decrease to 6 sq. feet with these changes. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jason, seconded by Bobby to allow Carsten to send a letter to the PB reconfirming support for this project by the ConCom. The motion carried unanimously. Patty and Jason thanked Unitil for taking a second look at the project to see how they could make it better.

Update on the Milfoil Issue: Carsten asked for an update on the Long Pond Protection Association (LPPA) application for grant monies from the state for milfoil removal. Jim Von Derheide, LPPA president was out of town and unable to attend this meeting. Jason spoke on behalf of the LPPA and answered questions from Carsten. Carsten asked what is the cost, how much will the state grant monies provide and what is the cost to the town. Jason informed the group that the cost is \$14,925 for herbicide treatment. The cost with a diver, which the state recommends, is \$17,695. The state will provide 40% or \$7,078. Jason was informed that that no milfoil removal was done last year because there was no state funding available. The state waited until the end of last year to inform the LPPA that milfoil removal should have been done again. Patty, Kim and Carsten stated they were unaware of that the state suggested that. Jason noted he was speaking for himself when asked how much the LPPA would contribute. He stated 20%, although not all LPPA members contribute. Of 20 some houses on the pond, only 9 contributed staggered amounts last time. The town would need to contribute the other 40% or \$7,078 for this summer. The group asked that a concise presentation be prepared by Saturday to share with the selectman at the deliberative session and send it to Patty by email to be shared with the BOS members prior to Saturday. Kim asked when the LPPA received the figures for this year. Jason responded "only recently". Kim advised that next year the LPPA come before the BOS earlier, November or December or soon as figures are known, to ask that monies be put into the budget for this. Carsten noted that the ConCom had asked for the figures at the last meeting and knows that getting the info so late is not the best of circumstances. Patty explained it can be explained as an appropriation for monies received as part of a 40% grant. Jason explained that the LPPA was formed to help apply for grant monies from the state. Kim felt 20% from the LPPA members was a lot and they should drop it to 10% with the town picking up the other 10%. Jason agreed to send the information to Patty Shogren, BOS Administrator.

Communications: Sapphire Woods sent Standard Dredge and Fill Application, Long Pond Rd, Danville, NH.

<u>Adjournment:</u> At 8:15 PM Carsten asked if there was any new business to discuss, hearing none, Patty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bobby which passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY MARY ANN DISTEFANO

Amended/Approved on March 3, 2016 by majority of the Commission