

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mary vandenBerg, James Wettlaufer, Howard Fife, Helen Kreiger and Brad Noble. Absent were Steven Anderstrom and Marguerite Choquette.

Minutes of meeting on 2/25/03 read and signed by Mary.

Brad read letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife written to Richard Johnson, Service Forester indicating that according to their records the property to be cut under plan No. 135-255-3 on Allen Hill contains an actual habitat for the Marbled Salamander, a state protected rare wildlife species. The HCC is not aware of any cutting plan on Allen Hill. Brad to call Nancy Putnam at the Division to determine details of this plan. Not only does a cutting plan require HCC approval, the owner must obtain a permit from the Planning Board.

Procedure Sheet #03-0632 issued to Judith McClatchey, 10 Collette Drive, Map R-14, Lot A-11, to install septic system, raise house, install foundation and drill well. Nick DiGregorio presented the project. The plans presented were not complete, as they did not indicate where hay bales were to be placed, distances etc. Mr. DiGregorio will return with the necessary changes to the plan. Procedure Sheet was not approved at this time.

Mr. Fred Wallace requested the HCC issue a letter indicating that his home at 13 Collette Drive was outside the 100 year Flood Plan. This is not a conservation issue however we gave him a copy of the Flood Plan Map.

Mr. Andre Cormier Jr. V.P. of Escape Estates, Inc joined the HCC to get approval of his plan to construct a single family home at 36 Craig Road. Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering previously presented this project to the HCC under Procedure Sheet #02-0624. We reviewed our concerns with Mr. Cormier and agreed that a change in the shape of the long driveway and a slope to the edge would be o.k. In addition, we requested the revised plan indicate placement of hay bales and the installation of a tracking pad, crushed stone, at the beginning of the driveway off the road. No approval given at this time.

Procedure Sheet 02-0633 issued to Steven Beyor, Big Tree Lane, part of Map 3, Lot B-7, to construct single-family dwelling. No plot plan was presented and the building inspector was unable to determine if taxes were due or not. As Howard and Jim were not familiar with the property, they plan to do a site visitation. No further action was taken at this time.

Jim gave a report on the meeting held on March 3, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall with Ms. Tracey Miller, Nonpoint Source Coordinator, Bureau of Resource Protection of the Department of Environmental Protection, Mr. Robert Sims from Rizzo Associates, Earl Johnson, James Wettlaufer and Brad Noble to discuss the section 319 nonpoint source grant program.

Section 319 Nonpoint source competitive grants program is a national program established in the Clean Water Act of 1987 to control nonpoint sources (NPS) of water pollution. The U.S. EPA defines nonpoint source pollution as that which is **"caused by diffuse sources that are not regulated as point sources and are normally associated with precipitation and runoff from the land or percolation."**

In order to be considered eligible for funding, projects must:

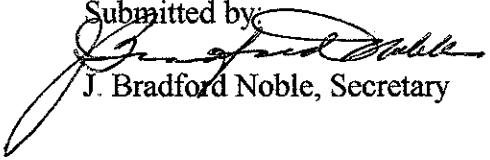
1. Satisfy one or more of the project categories.
2. Have a 40% non-federal match of the total project cost. The match may be cash or in-kind, and must meet the same eligibility criteria as the federal funds.
3. Contain an appropriate method for evaluating the project results.
4. Address activities that are identified in the Mass NPS Management Program Plan.

The project category that appears to apply to Hamilton Reservoir is the Implementation Projects in Impaired Waters. These are "shovel in the ground" projects that address the prevention, control and abatement of NPS pollution. All projects are required to provide quarterly reporting as well as a Final Report. Grants usually are in the range of \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Mr. Sims from Rizzo Associates will assist the Town of Holland in application for the grant, however, the Town needs to put together a conceptional design plan, i.e. the overall objective of the project. Jim requested that the members of the HCC present their ideas at next weeks meeting. Jim also reported that certain projects on individual property owners could be included in the plans and that the owners might be willing to pay the 40% to have their property improved. This could include the installation of a barrier that would prevent erosion of their property into a brook or the lake. It was pointed out that the project could not include the surfacing of roads but can include the installation of catch basins and equipment to maintain the basins. It is not clear if the surfacing of roads can be used as part of the 40% match. The grant could also contain dredging if part of the overall project. Ms. Tracey Miller is available to assist the Town up until the time that the application is submitted.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim, Seconded by Helen. Meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by:


J. Bradford Noble, Secretary

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Planning Board
Building Inspector
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HCC Chairperson

