

## NCC Minutes 10/20/20

Open meeting 7:04 p.m.

Present: J. Couture, J. Asnaani, C. Griffith, D. Mason, L. Hill

Guests- J. Vernon, Spencer Tate (septic designer), Forest Hayden(interested in joining the commission)

### 1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 9/21/20- J. Asnaani motions to accept, C. Griffiths seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report- L. Hill motions to accept, J. Asnaani seconds, all in favor YES.

### 2) Old Business:

#### a) Vernon Family Farm proposed septic design:

- J. Vernon- hoping to open a commercial kitchen for the products sold at the store which are currently being made at another location. Need to have 2 leach fields due to the potential flow. They dug 5 test pits and found that they would have to extend 60-80 ft. into the conservation easement. They have tried to limit the impact as much as possible.
- J. Couture asked if it would be possible to build it without any impact. S. Tate replied that it would be very difficult and the cost would be prohibitive.
- J. Asnaani asked what the restaurant capacity would be. J. Vernon replied that it would be take-out with the option to sit outside. Estimating 60 people/day.
- J. Vernon also stated that it will accommodate a 2-bedroom apartment in the new barn. L. Hill asked if this has been approved by the Planning Board. J. Vernon replied that this has not been submitted yet.
- J. Asnaani asked whether there would be long-term impacts. S. Tate replied that the average life span of a system is 15 yrs. and it can be re-built in place. There are no organic impacts as the plants use the material.
- J. Couture stated that we are more comfortable with it not being a seated restaurant. J. Vernon replied that he would be allowed to have a seated restaurant as long as a certain percentage of the product is produced on the farm as it would help to support the agricultural business.
- J. Couture asked if they could use holding tanks. S. Tate replied that they don't last.
- J. Couture motioned that we accept that the proposed location is consistent with the goals of the conservation easement subject to approval by D.E.S. and the Planning Board, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.

### 3) New Business:

- a) 2020 Budget- \$3000 for easement monitoring (S. Callaghan)
  - \$150 for ERSALAC
  - \$1000 for PREP
  - \$250 for Great Bay Stewards

Total= \$4400 D. Mason meets with the Selectmen 10/27/20

#### b) Mail- SELT Newsletter

- c) New member? Forest Hayden is a Newfields native who is attending UNH majoring in Environmental Conservation Sustainability. He is interested in joining the commission.

### 4) Next meeting- 11/16/20

Adjourn 8:10 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 10/20/20

