City of Laconia Conservation Commission

Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 - 6:00 PM City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber Accepted July 21st, 2021

7/7/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Anson called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dean Anson, Mike Foote, Lisa Morin, Stacy Soucy

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Commission saluted the flag.

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

Taylor Daigle, Conservation Technician

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Trefethen, Planning Director

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From June 2

L. Morin motions to accepts the minutes of the June 2nd meeting with the discussed revision to Section 8 "New Business". M. Foote seconds. All vote in favor.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Lake Host @ Messer St.

The Commission briefs T. Daigle on status of the Lake Host program and the ramp at Messer St. T. Daigle will inquire with Nancy Brown about posting on "Laconia Links" to search for a Lake Host at this location.

7.II. Milfoil Management

The Commission briefs T. Daigle on the status of Milfoil Management in Laconia.

7.III. Perley Pond Property

The Commission briefs T. Daigle on the status of Perley Pond. D. Anson indicates the possibility of future plantings on the property.

7.IV. Water Quality Monitoring

The Commission briefs T. Daigle on water quality monitoring practices for tributaries and deep water sampling. D. Anson, D. Trefethen, and T. Daigle will coordinate to find a time for sampling the week of July 19th.

7.V. Rain Gardens

The Commission briefs T. Daigle on the rain gardens in Laconia. D. Anson mentions that Gale Ave. may be a potential spot for another garden.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Endicott St. E MBL:164-72-1, Gardens @ Winnipesaukee

Applicants present the plan for the Gardens at Winnipesaukee, with special attention on the fact that this is the exact same plan as in 2017. They indicate that they are looking to be reapproved for the project since a number of variances and CUPs have expired. Three CUPs that concern conservation include: working within the wetland buffers for both natural and manmade wetlands, building within the 100' vernal pool buffer, and potentially a steep slopes buffer. D. Trefethen indicates the project will probably reach the Planning Board in September and will likely be back in front of the Commission prior to that. M. Foote asks that the recommendations from the 2017 proposal be recovered in the planning office for their review. There is discussion regarding a potential new wetland delineation on the property, and the applicant notes that there is a 5-year limit to the survey which has not expired yet. There is also discussion regarding test pits, soil borings, and effects on the water table as well as lighting on the property and how they will define their directional wetland boundaries. D. Anson requests that any changes from the 2017 plans to be highlighted on the new plans.

L. Morin indicates support for the directional buffer around the vernal pool. M. Foote notes that this shouldn't be the new standard, but that it makes sense for this project. D. Anson agrees.

9. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

- 9.I. 67 Maiden Lady Cove NHDES Wetlands PBN
- 9.II. 144 Lake St NHDES Wetlands PBN
- 9.III. 130 Channel Lane NHDES PBN
- 9.IV. Drummer Trail (265/289/13) Exp Min Impact

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- D. Anson mentions the Commission's commitment to a Belknap Mill Environmental presentation on the morning of July 23rd. M. Foote discusses utilizing UNH's Coverts Project as a resource for this.
- D. Trefethen discusses the ongoing beach rights issue on Wentworth Cove.
- D. Anson recommends visiting two properties on Leighton Ave North, one for erosion issues with the septic installment and another with driveway setback concerns.
- D. Anson suggests potentially adding a new Site Plan Review checklist requirement regarding soil borings and test pits on site. There is question regarding what projects this should apply to based on costs.

12. STAFF REPORT

S. Soucy mentions that the Solar Yard project on Endicott St. East that is to begin in spring 2022. L. Morin mentions potential erosion issues with the panels.

13. ADJOURNMENT

L. Morin motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. M. Foote seconds. All vote in favor.