

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Approved 1/19/2022

12/1/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Anson called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Dean Anson, Deb Williams, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Commission saluted the flag

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

Taylor Daigle, Conservation Planner Technician

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.I. Minutes 11/17/21

L. Morin motioned to accept the minutes of 11/17 as presented. M. Foote seconds. All vote in favor

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Natural Resource Inventory 2021

T. Daigle discusses the email sent to the MPSC chair and vice chair regarding the natural resources chapter of the master plan. The Commission discusses the updates to the NRI and what the goal of this meeting will be. D. Williams suggests identifying the parts of the NRI that we want to remain as parts of the Master Plan. There is also the suggestion that the chapter should have plenty of links relevant to developers and homeowners in case they are looking for information specific to their property, for instance, links to soil surveys. M. Foote notes that he does not want the information in the NRI to become lost in the master plan and suggests there needs to be good access to the document. D. Anson suggests structuring the chapter in a way that tells developers, etc. of what the commission wants to see in applications.

There are some suggestions on things to change/add into the NRI. For instance, identifying the designated streams in Laconia (A-I), discussing the fact that wetlands and vernal pools evolve over time and will continue to be identified, wetland connections to one another, and the inclusion of flood data for the City. There is a question about whether or not to include a stormwater section, or if that should be left to DPW.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. 2022 ConCom Schedule

The Commission reviewed the draft of the 2022 meeting schedule. L. Morin asks if we are supposed to have one official meeting and one work meeting month. T. Daigle will check in with the planning department on this. The commission agrees to remove the 12/21/22 meeting from the schedule. D. Williams motions to accept the schedule with these changes. L. Morin seconds. All vote in favor.

9. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

10. OTHER BUSINESS

L. Morin shares information with the Commission about the possible changes to boating speed limits on Lake Winnepesaukee, from the Lakes Management Advisory Committee. She notes that there are a variety of views and values being addressed at the meetings on this topic. She also informs the commission that the website for this Committee is changing and is managed by DES. D. Anson asks T. Daigle to check on if the commission can comment on these changes and notify organizations that might be interested in it as well. T. Daigle will discuss this with the planning department.

T. Daigle shares with the commission that the proposal for Antioch CSI program was not selected, but that one student is interested in applying the spatial aspect of the project to another class. T. Daigle will be discussing the project with him on 12/2/2021 and update the members after.

D. Williams notes that the erosion controls at the Court Street Bridge project are not doing what they are designed to and the area must be stabilized.

L. Morin discusses potentially turning the swale at the Messer St. boat ramp into a rain garden. T. Daigle reminds the commission of the potential loss of access to that property. L. Morin proposes a possible location for another public access point on state/county land.

11. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

12. STAFF REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

L. Morin motions to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm. D. Williams seconds. All vote in favor.