

Conservation Commission Approved Minutes July 14, 2011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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7:00 p.m. Chambers

Members Present: Chairman Drew Kiefaber, Vice-chairman Bruce Fecteau, George Hilton, Val Shelton (Planning Board rep), Fred Pearson, Jessica Versey (alternate), Stephanie Costa, and Jeff Goldknopf

Absent: Jim Bergeron, Town Council Rep

Chairman Kiefaber called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

There was discussion concerning a full member being absent and an alternate appointed for voting purposes solely for this meeting. Because Jim Bergeron is a Council rep.

Val Shelton stated the Commission does not appoint a member to replace a Town council rep, the Town Council would have to appoint a rep.

Public Comments: None

Sherry Trefry spoke regarding the Lamprey Falls, Selectwood building DES Wetlands Bureau application to be submitted. The original permit expired in July 2010 and they are resubmitting. The building has settled and the arch ways are not supported on the bedrock. Many repairs have been done, so now they want to fill in with concrete and some demolition will also be done. 548 s.f. of impact and 45 cubic yards of dredging will occur. Staging of work will be on the town owned dam property adjacent to Bryant Rock. Town Council approval will be required to use the area. The proposal is to bring the dredged materials to the parking lot above the Selectwood Building, dry and then truck off-site. Val Shelton will follow-up with Planning Board as to any approval required for changes to the site plan. Discussion ensued regarding the sensitivity of the water quality of the Lamprey River and impact on construction activities. Bruce Fecteau recommended signage be installed during construction.

Val Shelton made a motion: The Conservation Commission send a letter to DES stating there are no objections to the wetland permit for 4 Bay Road with recommendation to include a condition that signage is posted to make workers aware of the sensitivity to the waterfront.

Drew Kiefaber seconded the motion. Vote all in favor.

Approval of minutes:

December 9, 2010 Val Shelton made a motion to accept the minutes. Drew Kiefaber seconded the motion. Vote all in favor.

February 10, 2011 corrections: page 3, line 21 add at the end of the sentence strike "area" and and insert "areas on the Nostrum property". Drew Kiefaber made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Seconded by Bruce Fecteau. Vote all in favor.

Fred Pearson, George Hilton and Jessica Versey abstained because they were not present.

March 10, 2011 corrections: page 3, line 32 correct "Schanda Park" to "Wiggin Farm"; line 33 strike "boy scouts" and insert "Town DPW".

Fred Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Val Shelton seconded. Vote: All in favor

Fred Pearson abstained because he was not present.

April 14, 2011 corrections: page 2, line 16. change "near" to "in"; line 22 change "and full" to "on"; line 26 insert after "suggested" "100%"; line 31 insert after "inventory", "survey"; line 43 strike "should not be larger than 100'" and insert "of 100' would be excessive"; line 45 strike "for enforcement" and add "who is responsible for enforcement of the regulations.". Page 3 line 13 after "no" insert "very" and after "soils" insert "on site" and strike "within the poorly drained soil line"; line 31 change "not" to "now"; Page 4, line 26 insert "pad" after "cement"; line 42 change "ordinance" to "revision"; line 45 change "She" to "They"; Page 5, line 24 change "not" to "note"; line 44 replace "volunteers...help." with "the public to come out and participate."

Bruce Fecteau made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, Val Shelton seconded the motion. Vote all in favor.

Fred Pearson and George Hilton abstained because they were not present.

May 12, 2011 corrections: page 3, line 1 change "Lou Wygle" to "Luke Weigel"; line 11 change "one day" to "one to two days"; line 12 after "unattended" add "around the nets and weir materials"; line 26 "Drew Kiefaber seconded".

Jeff Goldknopf made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, George Hilton seconded.

Vote: All in favor

June 9, 2011 corrections: page 1 line 43 strike "chemicals being dumped"; page 2 line 19 change "these" to "removal"; page 3 line 6 revise 1st sentence to read "Wall needs attention.", line 20 add "Jessica Veysey agreed to draft memo to the Planning Board regarding the Conservation Commission's concerns. (memo to be included with these minutes)."

Bruce Fecteau made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, Drew Kiefaber seconded. Vote: All in favor

Val Shelton abstained because she was not present at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: Jeff Goldknopf gave the treasurers report. Would like input on the layout of the report, mentioned he would like the report to look more like a checkbook.

Bruce Fecteau mentioned he didn't see anything regarding the land use change tax. Val Shelton questioned the date of the report and asked if the Finance Dept. was behind in their balancing of the books. Jeff Goldknopf said they must balance after each month but he will speak to them to explain this. Jeff also mentioned he would like to see the report be more specific regarding deposits, i.e. state what exactly each deposit is for, like rain barrels etc., in addition to the amount. More discussion on the report regarding the line item for salaries which includes the recording secretary and increasing the amount requested in the Town 2012 budget.

Val Shelton suggested making a motion to have the Conservation Commission recommend to the Budget Committee putting \$1500 in the 2012 budget to be used to pay administrative expenses of the Conservation Commission.

Motioned: Drew Kiefaber

Seconded: Bruce Fecteau

Vote: All in favor

Committee Reports: Val Shelton, Planning Board Rep reported following:

Mills: Eric Chinburg attended the last meeting to give the Planning Board an update. They are currently working on the Riverfront Park modifications.

Hickory Pond: Received the first progress report of the project (off Ash Swamp Road, now named "Maya's Way") from Rockingham County Conservation District. RCCD is requiring corrective action for additional silt fencing; is working with developer on potential need to modify the DES wetlands permit due to a driveway relocation; notified developer that corrective action is required regarding cleanout of certain areas and addition of stone at the entrance to prevent mud being deposited on Ash Swamp Road as vehicles leave the site.

438 Wadleigh Falls Road: Conservation Commissions letter was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. Clarified that the RCCD report only applied to their conditions which needed to be met by a particular date; the applicant is in compliance with RCCD recommendations. The Planning Board conditions are still in effect which include the recommendations made by the ConComm. Owner was present at the Planning Board Meeting and stated the burn piles were burned prior to the planting of the new trees/plants; owner is aware that no further burning is required. Owner also wanted to make it clear that the fraser fir trees were not planted on the wetlands, but on the slope of the buffer.

Jeff Goldknopf requested that in the future all vegetative species be used when replanting both in the wetlands and the adjacent buffers should be native plantings. Valerie Shelton suggest this could be something the Planning Board could include as a condition for approval of a site plan.

Town Council Update – Jim Bergeron absent.

Stephanie Costa spoke provided an update to the Storm Water regulations Committee. The grant has been extended with estimated completion date of the proposed revisions to the regulations being completed in October or November.

Chairman Report: Drew Kiefaber read the thank you note received from the recipient of the scholarship.

Received a letter from the UNH Cooperative Extension regarding training opportunities, September 21-24 in Greenfield, NH. Conservation Commission has funds in the budget to pay for any fees involved. Jessica Versey explained what the training entailed.

New/Old Business: Scheduled a few dates for the invasive species management at WigginFarm. The members are hopeful that the Boy Scouts will help as well. Jim Bergeron is the contact person for the Boy Scouts. Suggested dates were July 30th, August 6th and August 13th. August 13th is the scheduled date to start at 9am – Noon. Val Shelton will make sure the announcement gets on Channel 13. Val Shelton suggested to post the date at Wiggin Farm in hopes that people who use the area will be willing to help as well.

Schanda Park: The sign/panel has been made. In the process of getting a sheet of shatter proof glass to place over it then it is ready to be installed. Bruce Fecteau asked Chairman Kiefaber if he wanted to do the work next week, they will set up a time.

Fishing Derby: Was held on June 18th. We received a thank you note from Rich Height who organized the event. Rich stated they had a pretty good turnout. Everyone had a good time, which has historically always been the case.

Jessica Veysey stated that she and Jim Bergeron have been talking with Michelle Daley, from UNH regarding speaking

at a Town Council meeting regarding nitrogen in the Great Bay. She will get back to the members when she has a scheduled date.

Old/New Business: Bruce Fecteau wanted to know what to bring for Schanda Park. Val Shelton has spoken with Dory Wiggin from DES. Dory suggested taking pictures and then meet with her to discuss appropriate permitting. Val will get back to the members with possible dates.

Val Shelton also mentioned the new Shoreland Act has been adopted which went effect on July 1, 2011. Once she has copies she will distribute to the rest of the members. Also reported that the oyster beds have been laid and the reef is in place off of Moody Point.

Stephanie Costa has volunteered to put together a list of all Conservation Commission action and follow-up items. Bruce Fecteau suggested going back 13 months of meeting minutes.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 11, 2011.

Fred Pearson: Motion to adjourn. Bruce Fecteau seconded motion, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Castle, Executive Secretary