

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
December 19, 2012
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the February 6, 2013 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Marnie Schulz, Lisa Morin, Debra Williams, and William Contardo.

ABSENT: Hillary May, Jane Connelly, and Mike Foote

I. Call to Order:

a. Review of minutes from the Wednesday November 28 meeting.

D. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 4-0-0.

II. New Business:

a. Follow up on Christmas Island at 630 Weirs Blvd @ MBL 216-248-4, Proposed conversion of 47 Motel Units and 2 single family structures to 18 residential condos; “Bump out” additions and drainage improvements. The property is located in the State Shoreland Protection District and local Shoreland overlay zone.

S. McPhie summarized the Christmas Island TRC II Technical Review Committee meeting. At that meeting Jon Rokeh, engineer, for the applicant and Romeo Lacasse the developer of the project agreed to various recommendations made by the Conservation Commission at their December 5, 2012 meeting. D. Anson was careful to make sure all issues were addressed because of the special environmental sensitivity of Langley Cove. D. Anson stated he was familiar with Mr. Lacasse the developer and served on various Long Bay property committees where their opinions differed substantially resulting in various disagreements therefore he wanted to make sure that relationship was brought out at this meeting to alleviate any concerns about conflicts of interest. S. McPhie updated the Con Com on their fourteen requests made of the applicant after the December 5, 2012 presentation. The Con Com did not support placing new drainage infrastructure in the 50-foot buffer but understood over all the project was a great improvement over current site conditions. They emphasized the need to surround all trees in the 50-foot buffer with orange construction fencing to prevent damage during construction. Additional rain gardens were added to the 50-foot water body buffer to reduce the current grass coverage. The Con Com accepted the boat launch would not drain that

much of the parking lot so breaking up the pavement or connecting a trench drain would not be economically practical.

L. Morin made a motion to support the project after many of their recommendations were integrated into the final Planning Board approval. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

b. Jewett Brook update

This item was put off until the next meeting

c. Community Gardens update

This item was put off until the next meeting

d. Black Brook fundraiser update

S. McPhie said the city's Legal Counsel indicated the con com was indeed allowed to solicit funds for environmental projects. The Con Com would be now free to pursue a Black Brook fundraising activities this winter.

e. Upcoming projects and goals for 2013

L. Morin would be working on the Jewett Brook outreach project

A Conservation mentor project was suggested by D. Anson

The Congregational Church would be actively seeking environmental projects and would like to partner with the Con Com this year.

S. McPhie, D. Anson, and Marnie Schulz will all be working on a Master Gardner project at the Laconia Transfer station to finalize the award winning Waste Management wildlife enhancement project.

B. Contardo again repeated the need to diplomatically reach out to the Marinas in Paugus Bay and get them involved in the weed watcher program providing them with easy to follow brochures and rules on how to reduce the spread of weeds. He suggested hosting a milfoil eradication day. The Con Com appreciated the suggestion but felt this was already being done at the Marina level through the weed watcher programs.

S. McPhie and D. Anson would be preparing for the Black Brook Fundraiser.

H. May and M. Foote would be looking into reaching out to those contemplating easements in the open space target areas of Laconia. Hosting walks etc.

Additional ideas will be discussed at the January 2, 2013 meeting.

III. Old Business:

a. Non-Public Session concerning land acquisition per RSA: 91: A: II (d) –roll call vote required to enter non-public session

Not necessary tonight.

b. 2012 easement walks update

The Long Bay and Southdown easement walks have still not been returned

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

-Permit Sub-Committee – Questions and answers

All permits are up to date

V. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update

See above

- Commissioners Comments

Made during the goals discussion

Comments addressed under goals

- Staff Comments

None

VI. Adjournment:

M. Schulz made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0-0.