

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 15, 2012
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the March 7, 2012 meeting

PRESENT- Lisa Morin, Dean Anson, Debra Williams, Marnie Schulz and Mike Foote

ABSENT- Hillary May and Jane Connelly,

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by D. Anson at 6:00 PM

I. Old Business:

a. Review minutes from the February 1, 2011 meeting.

M. Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2012 as written. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 5-0.

II. New Business:

a. Eric Buck, Pollock Land Planning, Standard Dredge & Fill application involving the demolition of a home and boat house impacting the 50-foot Shoreland buffer. The property is located 138 Appleton Street tax map parcel 323/182/20

Eric Buck presented the proposal to tear down an existing non-conforming seasonal home, boat house and garage and rebuild a year round home in its place. Portions of the current garage and home are in the NHDOT Railroad ROW and will be moved out of it if the proposal is accepted.

Existing natural stone retaining walls will be reconstructed to maintain the natural stone appearance and banks will be stabilized along the shoreline, vegetation will be increased and most of the storm sheet flows will be absorbed by a trench system around the home. Access to the property is from a road originating south of the property that runs parallel to the Railroad Corridor. The paved road across the railroad tracks is not in use and will not be touched. The new driveway will be made of gravel. Porous pavers will also be added on site where possible as well as rain gardens as shown on the plan. Construction will occur during the dry summer months.

There are five docks on the property one will increase in width and length from 20 to 40 feet the others will remain as they are today. The property has sewer and water service. During construction erosion control will be a priority with the utilization of turbidity curtains in the Lake with

silt sock installed along the shoreline. Reducing the velocity of water and eliminating sheet flow will be the ultimate goal therefore reducing pollutant loading flowing into Paugus Bay. D. Anson requested no pesticides or herbicides can be used on site, report any milfoil encountered so the city can map the information for future management projects. D. Williams requested they bridge the vegetation gap along the shoreline between the existing lawn area and the beach. M. Schulz asked why the slow growing tree species were chosen for the site and asked if bubblers will be used for the docks during the winter months. E. Buck would research the planting choices and consider others and indicated bubblers would be used around the docking structures. M. Foote saw no major issues.

L. Morin made a motion to forward the proposal to the Planning Board with the following recommendations:

- No pesticides, herbicides, and only phosphorus free fertilizers may be used within 250-feet of the shoreline
- Add additional plantings along the shoreline between the beach and the existing lawn area.
- Homeowners should be provided with instructions via the landscaping company ways to maintain the rain gardens.
- Porous pavement maintenance instructions should be provided to the homeowner.

D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

b. Non-Public Session concerning land acquisition per RSA: 91: A: 3 II (d) –roll call vote required to enter non-public session

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c. Dean Anson, follow up on additional goals for 2012

D. Anson added you all have a list of the goals and who is assigned to each one and should be prepared to meet those goals in the coming year

d. April 14 native vegetation /Invasive species control event held at the Laconia Transfer Station

The theme for the Earth Day / Transfer Station event will be providing native vegetation for bluebird habitat. A walk pointing out invasive species

will also take place. The event will occur on Saturday April 28, 2012 at 10 AM at the Laconia Transfer station. We hope to have Jane Connelly's Middle school class participating at an event this summer. Doug Cygan, Inland Invasive species Coordinator will be available for a future event and training activities.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

-Permit Sub-Committee – Questions and answers

III. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update**
- Commissioners Comments**
- Staff Comments**

IV. Adjournment:

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