

MINUTES OF MEETING
March 7, 2012
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the April 2, 2012 PB meeting

PRESENT- Lisa Morin, Dean Anson, Debra Williams, Hillary May and Mike Foote
ABSENT- Marnie Schulz and Jane Connelly,

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

I. New Business:

a. General Easement discussion in preparation for question and answer session.

The Laconia Conservation Commission (Con Com) welcomed Don Berry of Lakes Region Conservation Trust and asked multiple questions about the easement process. All questions were addressed and it was determined that a partnership should be proposed. The Con Com thanked D. Berry and he exited the room. L. Morin made a motion to partner with the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and for Mr. Berry efforts tonight a \$25.00 donation should be made to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0-0. H. May left at 7 PM.

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

L. Morin made a motion to approve the public and non public minutes of February 15, 2012 with corrections and the sealing of the non-public minutes. The motion was seconded by M. Foote. The motion passed 4-0.

II. Old Business:

a. Regional Open space follow- up from last year's efforts to quantify the top ten regional target parcels and potential funding sources

The Con Com felt now that they have successfully reached out to all regional communities and have ongoing dialog with interested property owners the meetings should now focus on working with Meredith to protect the vital interest of the Laconia NRI. D. Anson suggested including Gilford would be ok but was talked out of the idea for now as the current target area does not abut Gilford. D. Anson reminded the Con Com about a parcel that crossed the city border into Gilford. It was determined that specific parcel that will remain unnamed was not as high of a priority and there were other city

Departments better equipped to manage the mechanical and recreational aspects of such a parcel.

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

There was no need to enter a Non Public session tonight-

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

Permit Sub-Committee – Questions and answers

A proposal is being made to construct a new home at Irwin Point just off Appleton Avenue. The home will be located 50-feet from the shoreline. The lot is currently vacant and exists on the west side of Paugus Bay. Parcel information is available on the city of Laconia GIS web site. (See tax map 323/6/36)

S. McPhie will request the Con Com provide feedback on the property before TRC II. He will forward current comments before the next meeting.

III. Other Business:

Subdivision/ Site Plan update

- Coopers Industry will be expanding and may require Con Com feedback at a later date.
- Watermark Marine is in the process to update the Burger King site on Union Avenue converting the property into a Marina and Retail Dock and marine equipment store.
- The Appleton Avenue rebuild and expansion over State waters reviewed at the February 15, 2012 meeting was rejected by New Hampshire DES on various RSA grounds that does not allow any existing impacts to expand into the State of New Hampshire waters.

Commissioners Comments

L. Morin indicated Bald Eagles are present in the Coopers industry location and should be listed in the Natural Heritage Report. S. McPhie will follow up with the State.

Staff Comments

None

IV. Adjournment:

D. Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 4-0-0.