

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 7, 2013
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the September 4, 2013 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Marnie Schulz, Hillary May, Lisa Morin and Mike Foote.

ABSENT- Deb Williams & Jane Connelly

I. Call To Order :

Review of the minutes from the Wednesday July 17, 2013 meeting.

L. Morin made a motion to approve the public minutes for July 17, 2013 as written, seconded by H. May. The motion passed 5-0.

L. Morin made a motion to approve the non- public minutes for July 17, 2013 as written, seconded by H. May. The motion passed 5-0.

II. New Business:

a. **Dean Anson, applicant and owner installation of a deck in the 50-foot wetland buffer. CUP application**

The Laconia Conservation Commission (Con Com) was given extensive details on the expansion of the footprint of a home built when only a 30-foot wetland buffer existed. Since 2008 a new 50-foot wetland buffer was put in place. Since the expansion will be small, but still located in the 50-foot buffer, various mitigation measures are required. Additional plantings will be added, roof runoff will be diverted to a new rain garden and other measures will be implemented to maintain the current natural state of the lot. The Con Com is never pleased when part of the 50-foot buffer is compromised. The Con Com does understand the owner has exhausted all other options. M. Schulz suggested deeper sonnet tubes due to the close proximity of the water table. D. Anson agreed to install silt sock on the rear slope of the lot to prevent any sudden rain event from washing out the back yard. All requirements of the CUP permit were fulfilled.

M. Schulz made a motion to accept the project as presented, M. Foote seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. D. Anson abstained.

b. Current status of all open construction projects and upcoming presentations

S. McPhie explained the current preliminary design for the developer and reduced the size of the subdivision by moving one unit and turning another to have no impacts on the 50-foot wetland buffer.

Overall he was happy with the project. He did indicate that the zoning ordinance does require at least 10-acres to qualify as a cluster which may impact the project. M. Foote again brought up the question of what the Con Com wanted to do to respond to the Zoning boards concern about granting a variance from 235-6 {C}, the ordinance requiring a minimum 10-acre lot size to create a cluster subdivision. The Con com felt they had a good understanding of open space requirements and could speak to that issue. The Elm street proposal is just over 5 acres in size of which less than 3-acres will be preserved as open space. D. Anson was also approached by a ZBA member and asked to provide an opinion on why it is important to have a minimum of 10-acres of open space to create a cluster subdivision. All agreed the easiest way for the Con Com to communicate to the ZBA is to write a letter and it would be up to the ZBA to make the ultimate decision to utilize their thoughts.

- c. Follow up on Weirs Beach e-coli dogs visit.

All went very well. Issues were located and the process will continue in the spring to better define and alleviate any illicit discharges.

III. Old Business:

- a. Black Brook RFQ/RFP-example provided

The project is moving forward and the RFQ's will go out next week.

- b. **Jewett Brook Updates - Grant application, request for Con Com recommendation letter, and final fowl signage design.**

D. Anson will forward the recommendation letter to Luke Powell at Public Works.

- c. Union Cemetery Durkee/ Meadowbrook status

We hope to provide volunteers for an invasive species pulling and native planting vegetation stabilization day.

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

-Permit Sub-Committee -

All permits appear to be following BMPs. The project at 30 Weirs Boulevard had some challenges but the site is stable, additional trees were planted, and all DES permits have been put on file.

V. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update

Many projects are ramping up or just on the edge of beginning construction including Advance Auto parts on Court Street.

- Commissioners Comments

No new comments

- Staff Comments

S. McPhie discussed all upcoming events.

VI. Adjournment:

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