

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 6, 2013
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the May 15, 2013 meeting

Present: Dean Anson, Marnie Schulz, Deb Williams, Jane Connelly, Hillary May, Mike Foote and Lisa Morin

I. Call To Order :

a. Review of minutes from the Wednesday January 2, and February 6, 2013 meeting.

J. Connelly made a motion to accept the minutes of January 2, 2013; the motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 6-0-1. H. May abstained.

L. Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of January 2, 2013; the motion was seconded by J. Connelly. The motion passed 7-0.

II. New Business:

a. Black Brook fundraiser update

D. Anson suggested L. Powell be added to the Black Brook lecture. Seth Nuttelman from Laconia Water Works has volunteered to speak as well. He has been instrumental in working with the Con Com to achieve an environmentally sensitive dredge and fill project here at Spinnaker Cove. John Goodhue has stepped down as Chair of the Gilford Conservation Commission in favor of Carol Hall. The Gilford group is in support of this project. A discussion ensued about changing the name of the Brook so as not to confuse it with The Black Brook in Sanbornton. The Con Com felt it would be a major undertaking to change the name. M. Foote added the name probably originated from the schools of smelt that use to occupy the Brook.

L. Morin expressed the need to reach out to DES and have them give the Con Com an idea of what study would best fit Black Brook. The costs could range from as low as the \$25,000.00 for the proposed geomorphological study or go as high as \$100,000.00 for more complex projects.

L. Morin followed up on the topic of snow removal this year. B. Varnum was the owner of the Union Diner and they have limited space to address the intense snow issues this year. D. Anson suggested the property owners get together and seek a central location for snow disposal to discourage the

dumping of materials with salts and oils from entering black brook without filtration. M. Foote suggested we reach out to HK Power Sports as a direct owner of property on Black Brook to hold a joint meeting with Gilford.

III. Old Business:

a. Transfer station Earth Day Master Gardner Update

All were excited about the upcoming award winning transfer station project. The event will take place on Saturday April 20, 2013 from 10AM-1 PM.

M. Shultz indicated four things will need to take place before the plantings are installed:

1. Remove trees and rototill the site
2. Spray round up
3. Layer at least 3 inches of mulch on the site
4. Place seeds in appropriate areas
5. Place hay down to hold the ground in place
6. Prepare for June planting Day

The city may have free mulch available for the project.

b. Dean Anson, 2012 Southdown & Long Bay easement walks updates

D. Anson passed in the easement walk information completing the 2012 seasonal commitments. He indicated he would post on site signage to make it easier for others to recognize the boundaries of the protected areas.

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

-Permit Sub-Committee – Questions and answers

No issues.

V. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update

The Lodges at Meredith Bay will be reviewed at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

- Commissioners Comments

The Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association Storm Water workshop will be held from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Meredith Community Center on Friday March 29, 2013.

L. Morin explained the Jewett Brook management plan has provided an opportunity to do some Brook outreach. A successful geomorphological educational seminar was held along the Brook last fall. Currently we are in the process of generating some leads to have another Jewett Brook clean-up day. L. Morin said she was working closely with the High School to assure the years of Jewett Brook water quality data is highlighted in an outreach program. L. Morin added she was pursuing Pardoe funding for creating a Jewett Brook subcommittee on behalf of the Con Coms in both communities.

M. Foote will be attending Saving Special places to complement his open space knowledge and provide the Con Com with feedback at an upcoming meeting.

H. May received the Perley Oak information provided by UNH some years ago.

- Staff Comments

S. McPhie passed out the Durham New Hampshire storm water ordinance indicating the city of Laconia was working on adopting a similar ordinance to integrating many of its existing regulations into a specific new section of the ordinance and adding additional requirements from the Durham and NHDES regulations.

VI. Adjournment:

L. Morin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by H. May and passed 7-0-0.