

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**May 15, 2013**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Approved at the 6 5 2013 meeting**

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

**I. Call To Order :**

**Review of the minutes from the Wednesday March 6 & 20, and April 3, 2013 meetings.**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013 as corrected. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 5-0-1. M. Schulz abstained.

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2013 as written. The motion was seconded by M. Foote. The motion passed 5-0-1. M. Schulz abstained.

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2013 as corrected. The motion was seconded by M. Foote. The motion passed 6-0.

**II. New Business:**

**a. Awaiting call backs from the Board of Directors of the Union Cemetery**

L. Morin, R. Shuey and S. McPhie will walk with John Perley and other members of the Union Cemetery Association on a date in the near future. The meeting is necessary to introduce a short term brook stabilization plan. Plantings and other stabilization techniques will be discussed.

L. Morin and Belknap County Conservation District will be consulted concerning the plantings. Mr. Shuey will offer his expertise on how best to anchor the upper banks of Durkee Brook to slow encroachments. The hope is to further study Durkee Brook to determine if actions can be taken up stream to alleviate issues at the Cemetery and improve the overall brook conditions.

**b. Black Brook June event update**

D. Anson will meet the Spinnaker Cove Association at 10 AM on June 8, 2013 to discuss the efforts being made to improve the Water Quality of

Black Brook, decrease sediment loading, and increase current efforts to outreach to Gilford Commercial Property owners along the Brook.

**c. Water testing equipment is calibrated/ testing will begin soon**

Water testing training will occur on May 25, 2013 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM in Concord at the offices of New Hampshire DES. All interested members are invited to attend. Testing begins next week and will continue to the middle of September.

**d. Emerald Ash Borer update**

S. McPhie attended a training session on the Emerald Ash Borer (EMB) which has now entered the State and destroyed ash trees in the Concord area. The borer has spread to Bow and is rapidly moving toward Loudon. It is also following the Merrimack River in a northerly and southerly direction. No firewood can be transported into the State of New Hampshire. Merrimack County is now under quarantine to monitor the insect's movement. The EMB only feeds on Ash trees and can fly at least a mile from one tree to the other. The State of New Hampshire hopes to contain the insect but understands, realistically, the best possible scenario at this time is to eradicate up to 80% of the population. No new Ash trees should be introduced this will increase the speed of the spread of the insect.

**III. Old Business:**

**a. Transfer station Master Gardner early June pollinator planting project to be held on Thursday June 4, 2013.**

It was determined May 30, 2013 was the better date to add the plantings at the transfer station as a part of Phase II of the Wildlife habitat enhancement project. L. Morin dropped the plantings off at M. Foote's and he will deliver the plants at 9 AM on May 30, 2013. M. Schulz, D. Anson, S. McPhie, M. Foote along with Waste management personnel will complete the planting project. M. Shultz will supervise the project.

**b. Jewett Brook Updates**

L. Morin applied for and received a grant to begin the educational portion of the Jewett Brook stenciling project.

**IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:**

**-Permit Sub-Committee – See Above**

Country Club Shores Beach repairs are now complete.

S. McPhie passed around permits from recently upgraded perched beach projects located on Lake Opechee. Actions such as these will improve water quality and reduce the spread of milfoil.

-Dock replacements in kind

The usual load of dock replacements in kind have been received this year. If anyone has specific questions contact S. McPhie.

**V. Other Business:**

**- Subdivision/ Site Plan update**

The Appleridge multifamily housing project has been approved by the PB and a pre-construction meeting has also been held. I will monitor the site for activity.

The Beaver Pond Condominium project is again underway.

The Endicott North Self storage project has been completed.

**- Commissioners Comments**

D. Anson announced the Lakes Region Planning Commission received multiple Brownfield grants for the old State School property located here in Laconia.

D. Williams Congregation Church had chosen some additional planting locations for the river walk by city hall. D. Anson read off the list of K. Dunleavy approved sites and D. Williams added they would be seeking other projects.

L. Morin suggested continued work on invasive plants at the end of Water Street. S. McPhie added it would be fun to bring in some goats to consume the poison ivy then additional work on the Bittersweet could be completed.

**- Staff Comments**

It has already been a busy spring so far as building permit demand has increased ever so slightly.

**VI. Adjournment:**

L. Morin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by M. Foote. The motion passed 6-0-0.