

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 16, 2014
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the June 18, 2014 meeting

PRESENT- Hillary May, Lisa Morin, Debra Williams, and

ABSENT- Dean Anson and Marnie Schulz

I. Call To Order :

Review of the Minutes of Wednesday March 19, 2014

H. May made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded by M. Foote. The motion passed 4-0.

II. New Business:

a. Earth Day Transfer Station Event Preparation

The event will take place on Saturday morning April 19, 2014. We hope to have the owner of Wild Bird Depot in attendance. Various plantings and fun projects related to earth day will take place. Girl Scouts will participate.

b. Review of saving special places seminars

D. Williams, S. McPhie and L. Morin expressed their appreciation of the multiple open space subjects addressed at the conference. S. McPhie added he was able to directly apply the easement information acquired at the conference to tonight's meeting.

III. Old Business:

a. Plans of 1184-1188 Weirs Boulevard condominium conversion project. One five unit structure has been taken down in the Shoreland. It will be replaced with a new three unit structure outside of the 50-foot Shoreland setbacks. Extensive rain gardens are to be added to improve water quality.

The Conservation Commission (Con Com) reviewed the Conservation Technician's recommendations including: the use of rain gardens, the direct discharge pipes flowing into the Lake, and the addition of vegetation in the wetland buffer area.

It was determined due to the high water table elimination of the direct discharge pipes could not be accomplished. The site will see a reduction from 3 to 5 units. NHDES permits for the project have been granted. All other drainage improvements were previously approved.

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

-Permit Sub-Committee

Nothing new to report

V. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update

See above discussion

- Commissioners Comments

L. Morin provided the Con Com with an update on the Belknap County projects for the year. She requested continued participation with the following projects:

The territorial power struggle for raised gardens is again underway. L. Morin hopes all parties can work together to make the project at the Woodland Heights Elementary School a success. The Con Com liked the past ideas for raised beds at the High School and backed away from pursuing the Busy Corner project because of its close proximity to the High School. The High School project is now floundering. The Park Recreation Department has not begun the Wyatt Park project. The Con Com was gracious and backed off from pursuing the same Park Recreation department grant so Wyatt could be the model project. Maybe it is time for the Con. Com. to resurrect the busy corner project.

L. Morin successfully pursued the Jewett Brook complimentary grant: The grant will include a public outreach survey, catch basin stenciling, and additional water quality outreach projects. The Jewett Brook lecture will be held on either June 3 or 4th. Please provide feedback on the survey. All of this activity was put in place to compliment L. Powell's successful funding of Jewett Brook.

The fifteen minute co-occurrence map video that D. Anson suggested Belknap County pursue has turned out to be very costly. L. Morin will pursue a 10 K grant from Bank of New Hampshire applying later in the year would allow additional funds to be leveraged. Many members felt a less costly shorter open space video may be a more practical option. L. Morin added the cost of the five minute video would be around \$1,000 a minute. S. McPhie suggested the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests should be asked if they have any in house expertise or funding options available for such a video.

S. McPhie hoped both D. Anson and L. Morin could assist with his co-occurrence map presentation to the Planning Board in the near future.

- Staff Comments

None

VI. Adjournment:

M. Foote made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by M. Schulz. The motion passed 4-0-0.