

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 9, 2015
LACONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CITY Hall
Room 200B
Approved at the October 7, 2015

I. Call To Order :

D. Anson, Chair, called the meeting to order with a roll call vote at 6:00 PM

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Chair, Deborah Williams, Lisa Morin, and Mike Foote,

NOT PRESENT- Marnie Schulz

OTHERS PRESENT- Jon Rokeh, Engineer and Tom Carrol, owner of Mr. C's Taxi

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:

1. Review of the minutes of the Thursday August 28, 2015 meeting

L. Morin made a motion to approve the August 28, 2015 minutes as written. M. Foote seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. New Business:

1. Meet on site for a Non-Public Site walk concerning land acquisition per RSA: 91: A: II (d)-(roll call vote required).

A roll call vote was taken to enter the session at City hall immediately after the site walk. All present voted yes to enter non-public session.

2. Nomination of Vice Chair

M. Foote made the motion to nominate D. Williams as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Appl#PL2015-0111 CUP(river buffer)118 Main Street MBL 464-421-22 Mr. C's Taxi Proposal to construct a pervious paver parking lot in the 75-ft buffer to Jewett Brook

J. Rokeh presented the parking lot project as one that would pave over a good percentage of the 75-foot Durkee Brook wetland buffer. Additional vegetation will be added along the residential 10-foot buffer and on the Brook side to capture any runoff from the newly paved area. Street trees will be added along the road. The southern-most parking spaces will be moved closer to the building taking the project a little back further from Durkee Brook. Since all the grass will disappear where the spaces and drive are proposed porous pavement will be required.

A partial asphalt pave was proposed. The TRC review this morning required full Porous Pavement for the proposed parking area. Full porous pavement would simplify maintenance, create a less costly mix, and allow infiltration and filtration to occur. We do not want to see sheet flow running off into the catch basin that directly discharges to the Brook. It is the Con Coms understanding to meet the spirit of the ordinance when grass is paved over full porous pavement needs to be installed. Knotweed on the property will need to be properly removed. L. Morin asked about snow storage. J. Rokeh said snow storage areas would be added to the plans and T. Carrol said all excess snow will be taken off site.

A motion was made by M. Foote to approve the Con Com TRC 1 comments created earlier in the day by S. McPhie (Attached). Specific evidence is made to emphasize the use of full porous pavement on the site rather than partial for the reasons listed above. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion was approved 4-0.

4. Sean Donohue, CSS, CWS, LSE Project Manager, Liberty Utilities Gas Line work. Liberty Utilities 1,500 +/- foot, 4-inch diameter gas line within existing sewer line easement from Provencal Road to Lakes Regions Community College.

A last minute cancelation occurred. The application will be heard at the October 7, 2015 meeting.

IV. Old Business:

1. Brook Subcommittee updates

-Jewett Brook TMDL Update

S. McPhie added the major offender so far for the e-coli spike are manure piles stored right on the Brook at Belknap Landscaping in Gilford, NH. There is a sufficient area on site to move the manure piles to away from the banks of Jewett Brook. NHDES will make sure that happens. S. McPhie contacted J. Ayer, Planner, in Gilford and he will follow up to see if the landscaping company may be in violation of the site plan. Movement of the piles should decrease any further e-coli spikes.

Laconia is still being looked into for some e-coli areas further downstream. The areas are located by the Pedestrian Bridge and the Sacred Heart Church. The manure removal may address all issues but we will wait and see if that is the case.

L. Morin added we will continue to work toward adding signage against feeding Geese and Ducks. Feeding fowl may be the partial cause of the Laconia problem. Catch basins will also be marked to educate the public on controlling contaminated run-off.

A final NHDES report has not been received. Laconia has an ordinance requiring pet waste to be picked up etc. It appears we are working well with NHDES. The good news is the City is now eligible for impaired water grants for Jewett Brook.

The unfortunate circumstance is the City already secured funding and was on top of the issue of addressing flooding and water quality problems but a private landowner was not able to come to terms with the City so Public Works had to discontinue the project and return State funds .

2. Lisa Morin, River Clean-up Friday September 18, 2015

L. Morin explained that Jon Jude agreed to volunteer his divers to work on the clean-up project

3. 30-foot natural seasonal stream buffer zoning amendment

-Tabled until the next meeting.

4. Milfoil subcommittee discussion

D. Anson indicated P. Tarpey, Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, presented a mitigation fund proposal for Black Brook. The Laconia Conservation Commission is very interested in working with P. Tarpey. S. McPhie added the Geomorphological Data work will be

completed soon. At that time we would have a better idea of what projects would better fit into any mitigation proposals.

V. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

1. Permit Sub-Committee review and updates

No issues. All permits reviewed and signed off on.

VI. Other Business:

1. Subdivision/ Site Plan update

Many open projects are under way and the Fall will soon be here. Stabilization visits and letters will be required.

2. Commissioners Comments

D. Williams indicated the former president of the Christmas Island homeowners association was very interested in controlling milfoil propagation with the use of floating shade balls. The shade balls limit milfoil propagation without the use of chemicals. Everyone seemed pleased to work with the Association with such a project.

3. Staff Comments

A lot was accomplished at tonight's meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

L. Morin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. The motion was seconded by M. Foote passing 4-0.