

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 4, 2015
LACONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the April 1, 2015 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, D. Williams, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote,

ABSENT- Hillary May and Marnie Schulz

I. Call To Order :

Review of the minutes of the January 7 & 20 and February 4, 2014 meeting

L. Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Wednesday January 7, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 4-0-0.

L. Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Tuesday January 20, 2015 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 4-0-0.

M. Foote made a motion to accept the minutes of the Wednesday February 4, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by L. Morin. The motion passed 4-0-0.

II. New Business:

a. Source Water Protection Grant Award Discussion

The Laconia Conservation Commission recently was awarded a \$15,000 dollar Source Water Protection Grant which will pay for the Black Brook Watershed Management Plan.

b. Laconia Transfer Station Master Gardner Spring weeding and cleanup day

Waste Management requested the Con Com schedule a clean-up day in the spring or early summer to weed the new pollinator native species garden. D. Anson weeded the garden back in December and S. McPhie worked with A. St. Cyr in the fall of 2014 doing the same. The Con Com will fulfill that request.

c. Walmart Water testing results

The final Wal-Mart water testing results were received and it appears the improvement to the retention pond and the loss of pervious pavement areas caused no major increase or decrease in existing phosphorus numbers. The few times there was a spike in phosphorus there was also a spike in turbidity. The spikes corresponded to construction during the fall and spring mud seasons. Upon completion of the pond improvements no major decrease or increase in phosphorus levels occurred. All invasive plantings were removed from the areas around the retention pond. The initial reduction in turbidity from the retention pond improvements will need to be watched. The Gilford Plaza owners should create a long range sediment cleaning plan for the pond. Doing so will prevent pond failure in the future.

- d. Soak up the Rain discussion

Lisa Morin will hold the event at the Laconia Middle School on Monday March 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM. D. Anson will fill in as the Speaker.

III. **Old Business:**

- a. Brook Subcommittee updates

-Black Brook Council Presentation

D. Anson asked S. Saunders when he would be needed to present the Black Brook request for surplus master plan funds to the Laconia City Council. S. Saunders responded that a presentation would be required in May.

L. Morin made a motion to direct staff to pay the DuBois and King invoice number 215026 bill in the amount of \$9,500.13. The payment will complete 90% of the work on the Geomorphological portion of the study. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 4-0.

The recent grant funds will provide the additional money required to complete the Watershed plan. The grant funds will accelerate the completion date for the project therefore allowing tangible Brook cleanup solutions to be in hand for the next budget cycle.

- b. Milfoil Control Subcommittee Discussion

D. Anson said he was waiting for feedback from A. Smagula before taking any action on forming this committee.

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

Permit Sub-Committee review and updates

Permit requests are down due to the season.

V. **Other Business:**

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update

D. Anson still felt strongly the spring groundwater table should be provided for the Titeflex project. The Con Com remained very supportive of the use of porous pavement. S. McPhie added proper installation of the porous pavement will be a critical factor to the success or failure of parking lot area.

-Commissioners Comments

D. Anson requested L. Morin work through the Belknap County Conservation District to nominate a candidate for the Lakes Region Planning Commission Kim Ayers award.

L. Morin added she had passed on information indicating on March 30, 2015 there will be an opportunity to take part in the Green Snow Pro Reduction

training. The goal of the program is to reduce the use of salt applied to the roads. Please see the e-mail sent to all of you for further details.

D. Anson requested a letter be sent out to Jillian McCarthy thanking her for speaking to the Laconia Con Com concerning the soak up the rain program.

D. Anson requested someone from Laconia Water Works come to speak to the Con Com to discuss mutual concerns.

- Staff Comments

S. McPhie is very excited by how the Black Brook project is progressing

III. Adjournment:

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

