

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 21, 2015
LACONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CITY Hall
Room 200B

Approved at the November 18, 2015 meeting

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, Assistant Chair, Lisa Morin, and Marnie Schulz

ABSENT -Mike Foote

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:

1. Review of the minutes of the Thursday September 9, 2015 meeting

L. Morin made a motion to approve the August 28, 2015 minutes as written. M. Schulz seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

III. New Business:

1. Milfoil Subcommittee Discussion

D. Anson announced the upcoming of \$2,000.00 donation from the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association. L. Morin made a motion to approve a project partnership for the hand pulling of milfoil. D. Williams seconded the motion to expend the funds of \$2000.00. The motion passed 4-0.

2. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission Annual meeting Saturday November 7, 2015.

Many members will attend and the conference will be held at Pembroke Academy.

3. Wetland Emergency Permit updates

L. Morin updated the Commission and indicated the Union cemetery emergency permit has been completed. Parts of Durkee Brook were rip-rapped on the Cemetery side. A larger plastic culvert was installed to replace the failed corrugated metal culvert transporting parts of little Meadowbrook on the opposite side of the Cemetery. Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) contributed \$1,500.00 toward emergency repairs. BCCD has already helped the Union Cemetery to develop some solutions to stability issues. The Laconia Public Works Department worked with Lyman industries and Steve Smith and Associates to complete the emergency repairs. Concerns were raised about the new rip rap placed on the Cemetery side and the lack of it on the opposite side of the Brook. S. McPhie will visit the property and work with L. Morin to make sure all abutters to the streams are aware of any potential impacts to their properties.

D. Anson and D. Williams met with L. Powell, Public Works, and P. Howard of Steve Smith Associates, representing the Irwin Family, concerning an emergency permit to repair a failing old culvert located between the Irwin Office and the Bonnet Page and Stone headquarters. Two parked cars were impacted by the failure. Multiple sediments will need to be cleaned out of a failing pipe and additional work completed to stabilize the area. D. Anson and D. Williams felt the project was not a proper application of the emergency permit.

L. Morin made a motion to direct S. McPhie to send a letter to P. Howard of Steve Smith Associates to review the future permit for the project so they can have a sufficient opportunity to comment on the proposal. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Old Business:

1. Non-Public Session concerning land acquisition per RSA: 91: A: II (d)–(roll call vote required).

Dean Anson called a roll-call vote to enter non-public session. M. Schulz, D. Williams, D. Anson, and L. Morin all voted yes.

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2. Brook Subcommittee updates

L. Morin updated everyone on the Jewett Brook signage for not feeding any birds in the area. Feeding the birds will result in increased pollution and may exasperate a recent TMDL. It will show Laconia is doing their part.

3. Easement walks begin

The easement walks are usually wrapped up by the first week in November.

V. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

1. Permit Sub-Committee review and updates

The single family Eastman Shore Drive project is nearly complete. The area where the rain gardens were required are now prepared. Planning will need to verify additional vegetation be added in those areas in the spring as part of the Certificate of occupancy (C/O) process. The current owner has been frustrated by the process.

Unfortunately the lot had an existing structure that was too small for the owner's needs negating building on the same footprint. The lot also contained a stream, and Lake front which both require protective buffers as the steam empties directly into the Lake. The lot also required installation of a septic system and a new well leaving little area to develop on this small previously subdivided lot.

VI. Other Business:

1. Subdivision/ Site Plan update

None

2. Commissioners Comments

D. Williams asked for an update on the Union Avenue Dunkin Donuts Plaza large tree removal. S. McPhie added the request for removal has not yet been received. The letter against the removal of the tree will be written and sent to the Planning Board.

3. Staff Comments

None

VII. Adjournment:

M. Schulz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. The motion was seconded by L. Morin passing 4-0.