

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**November 18, 2015**  
**LACONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**CITY Hall**  
**Room 200B**  
**Approved at the December 9, 2015 meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER :** D. Anson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**PRESENT-** Dean Anson, Chair, Deborah Williams, Assistant Chair, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote and Dick Christopher

**ABSENT** - Marnie Schulz

**OTHERS PRESENT-** Daniel W. Bruzga, Landscape Architect representing

**II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Review of the minutes of the Wednesday October 21, 2015 meeting

L. Morin made a motion to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes as written. M. Foote seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**III. New Business:**

1. Dock and wetland permit for the Foley Residence, located at 4 Leighton Avenue North, Tax map parcel 31-253-9.

D. Bruzga passed out detailed drawings concerning the proposal to remove an existing deck area that juts out into the water and move it further back from the shore. The project will involve some tree removal. A temporary dock exists on site. This will be moved back and replaced with a similar sized seasonal dock. Existing concrete and other materials not needed to complete the new lot landscape design will be removed. The disturbed areas will be replaced with acceptable plantings. An additional variety of porous pavement had to be added to a portion of the new driveway to meet Laconia's 65% green space requirement. The requirement includes an asphalt base be integrated into the design to make the material true porous pavement. The remainder of the lot will remain in its natural condition with the exception of the addition of a paver walkway surrounding the property. The paver walkway will only have a gravel base. The State Wetlands permit criteria has been met. The shoreline work will impact 49-liner feet along the water. Work will begin in the early spring or sooner if the weather continues to be mild. D. Anson suggested not introducing too many hay scented ferns as the plant takes over quickly and could impact other suggested plantings. M. Foote suggested Purple Iris as a possible alternative option. D. Williams asked if the stone wall would exceed four feet and require additional permits. D. Bruzga said it would not exceed four feet but in the event it did they are already working closely with the Planning Department and would continue to do so throughout the project.

L. Morin made a motion to approve signing the expedited dredge and fill permit with the following conditions: a turbidity curtain be in place in the water prior to any shoreline disturbance, a list of proposed replacement plantings be added to the plan, and proper removal and disposal of all invasive plants on site be achieved. S. McPhie suggested as we are running into the winter season when the permits are completed with all conditions met that M. Bruzga call S. McPhie. He can then coordinate a time to secure a signature or be authorized to sign for the permit if either D. Anson or D. Williams were

not available so as to accomplish the expedited request time frame. The motion was seconded by M. Foote. The Motion passed 5-0.

2. Milfoil Subcommittee Discussion

D. Anson summarized the monthly regional milfoil meeting. Belmont, Tuftonborough, Laconia, and Moultonborough were all attendance. Pat Tarpey, Lake Winnepesaukee Association Coordinator, conducted the meeting. Amy Smagula, State Coordinator for Milfoil Management was the speaker. D. Anson made contact with the representative from the Langley Cove milfoil project and is in the process of securing his involvement in the Laconia Invasive Aquatic Subcommittee. He also presented the good news that even though Laconia did not file for funding for milfoil removal during this last cycle Laconia is downstream from many of the infestations so funding will be available to support the effort so Lake wide controls can be achieved.

3. Request to amend a conditional use permit for 1092 Union Avenue to remove a large tree. The tree was agreed to be saved as shown on page 6 of the engineered signed plans dated 5/27/14. The current request was brought forward as a result of a site distance issue for those vehicles leaving the site and turning onto Union Avenue.

The formal request to amend the Notice of Action to remove the large landmark Oak has been received. The Con Com has already supplied the Planning Board with a letter indicating that they would continue to reject the removal of the tree. S. McPhie added the City is currently seeking expert opinions as to the need for removal. It is important to note if the Developer agreed to save the tree in place but new the site distance issue could cause safety concerns last year was the time to bring the issue up.

**IV. Old Business:**

1. Non-Public Session 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. All present voted yes to enter non-public session.

2. Brook Subcommittee updates

The Black Brook work is slow but still progressing. The second phase of the Milfoil removal project was just approved today with Aqualogic chosen from the three formal quotes received. They were the most familiar with the Brook and lowest bidder as well.

3. Easement walks begin

Dean, Dick, Bob, and Scott will be walking the Harrington easement soon. D. Anson will also complete the two small Southdown and Long Bay easement walks.

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

1. Permit Sub-Committee review and updates

D. Anson and S. McPhie reviewed three permits

**V. Other Business:**

1.Subdivision/ Site Plan update

## 2. Commissioners Comments

D. Williams reviewed the work conducted by Lake Hosts this year and thanked the Con Com for their \$500.00 donation. The program works with at risk youth and pays them a small wage to accomplish great work. D. Anson suggested we add additional money for the weed watcher portion of the Lake Host program so instead of just watching the weeds in July we can help to secure funding from late June to early September. All were in agreement such a project would assist with the goals of the current Milfoil management plan that is being prepared for the Laconia Aquatic Invasive Subcommittee. D. Williams was also looking forward to working on the Lake Fest program.

## 2. Staff Comments

None.

## VII. Adjournment:

***L. Morin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Foote passing 5-0.***