

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 21, 2010
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the 5/5/2010 meeting

PRESENT- Walter Kalin, **Co. Chair**, Dean Anson, Deb. Williams, Leslie Thompson, Lisa Morin, Hillary Martin, and Tobias Paddock

ABSENT- Marnie Schulz,

STAFF –Scott McPhie, Planning Technician

I. **Call to Order**: The February 17, 2010 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by W. Kalin.

II. **Old Business**:

a. **Approval of Minutes: 04/07/2010**

D. Anson made a motion to approve the April 7, 2010 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 7-0.

b. **Earth day final plans for tomorrow April 15**

W. Kalin explained the plan. He would pick up two rhododendrons' and bring them to the River Walk Promenade. L. Morin offered to provide lilac seedlings and offer them at a discount after her annual Belknap County seedling sale.

III. **New Business**:

a. **Map/Lot 368-221-20 off Valley street proposing wetland buffer incursion for construction of driveway/parking area for construction/use of single family unit**

S. McPhie explained the steep slope wetland disturbing single family home proposal. The Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) was provided with information before the meeting. The LCC found the proposal to build a home in a wetland buffer on rock ledge very impractical. S. McPhie read his comments and H. Martin particularly supported the pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer ban. The LCC overall recommendation was to discourage the developer from building in the wetland buffer.

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports :

- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

T. Paddock indicated the PB would not be reviewing the Mid Rise before the next Con Com meeting on May 5, 2010

- Permit Sub-Committee –

All permits were addressed at the April 7, 2010 meeting

OTHER: The Commission discussed the need for elections. W. Kalin announced he would not seek a new term after August 2010. D. Anson showed interest in taking over as Chair. H. Martin indicated she would consider Vice Chair but not until August. S. McPhie suggested a Chair in training might be appropriate and any new Chair will need to be readily available as W. Kalin has been to sign off on items and attend meetings on a regular basis.

S. McPhie clarified the new Chair needs to be selected yearly. The Vice Chair to be elected annually in January according to LCC by-laws. Since the Con Com has not had a Vice Chair and the need for a secretary is unnecessary as staff now handles the secretarial duties. It was decided a Vice Chair was preferred over two Co-Chairs. Nominations will be scheduled for the May 5, 2010 meeting.

D. Anson wanted examples of vision statement discussed at the May 5, 2010 meeting. He requested S. McPhie gather a few examples. L. Thompson will also gather information on other Town's Vision statements.

V. Adjournment

D. Williams made the motion to adjourn. L. Morin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.