

MINUTES OF MEETING
November 3, 2010
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the November 17, 2010 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Chair, Marnie Schulz, Lisa Morin, Leslie Thompson, and Debra Williams

ABSENT- Hillary May and Tobias Paddock

I. **Call to Order:**

D. Anson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. **Old Business:**

a. **Review of the public & non-public minutes of October 20, 2010**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010 with revisions. L. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

b. **Easement walk updates**

D. Anson walked the Wilkins easement locating a carport which will need to be removed. He will walk the final Bonham easement, located at Southdown Shores, thus completing the easement walks for the year 2010.

III. **New Business:**

a. **Budget Review**

The subject was tabled for a future meeting

b. **Spring tree identification project for the River walk**

All members enthusiastically supported the idea. L. Morin had previous experience with a similar project and would provide support. The Laconia Park Recreation Department will assist with the project.

c. GIS open space map and Spread Sheet update (colors representing various land classifications, priorities for seeking additions to the conservation easements and bubbles with tax map details)

S. McPhie passed out an excel spread sheet and GIS map he had completed at the request of the Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC). There are many properties of interest to be added. Two larger working maps will be created to show focus areas. Additional maps will be used to determine possible linkage to abutting Town open space parcels.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

No Updates.

- Permit Sub-Committee – Staff

All Permits have been addressed by Dean Anson and S. McPhie.

IV. Other Business:

-Subdivision/ Site Plan update -Staff

-Laconia Boys & Girls Club, -Look Off Rock clearing begins, McDonald's site is almost complete, -Golf driving range updates

- S. McPhie requested no pesticides or herbicides be used on the property which is located at the site of the former Laconia Citizen building. No phosphorus will be used in fertilizer applications. Additional requests were made to create rain garden berms at the edge of each low point of the existing parking lot areas to protect the water quality of the Winnepesaukee River.
- Tree removal without stump removal is underway at the site. A large silt sock will be installed to prevent runoff from flowing onto Railroad property and entering Lake Winnepesaukee.
- The McDonalds site has been completed with the exception of additional plantings being added to the retention ponds all Conservation issues have been fulfilled.
- The Laconia Country Club will be removing the impervious tennis courts and replacing that area with a putting green, expanding their

driving range into the previously compromised wetland buffer and treating all flows with plantings at the end of the drainage pipe. No Phosphorus fertilizers should be used and no pesticides or herbicides be applied with the exception of an emergency situation whereby organic alternatives would be selected first to resolve any invasive species expansion.

Don't "P" in the Lake Update-Dean Anson

D. Anson expressed enthusiasm in the project. S. McPhie added in a recent discussion with K. Dunleavy, Director of the Laconia Park Recreation Department it was determined the Department had an expert grounds keeper that could talk to the LCC about the use of phosphorus on athletic fields and what options are available to the City. A January or February LCC meeting would be held to speak to the subject and create a strategy to achieve like goals.

Spinnaker Cove Dredge and Fill application delayed. Plan of action to proceed

The latest update on the project is the announcement work will not occur in November 2010 as planned. The LCC will continue to pursue a suction solution for milfoil removal along Black Brook

Black Brook and Water Testing Subcommittee-Deb Williams

D. Anson indicated he had tested at the mouth of Black Brook and the usual charted areas but no additional testing had occurred.

Commissioners Comments

L. Morin and D. Anson felt there should be a concentrated effort to bring the county together to discuss open space acquisition ideas. L. Morin on behalf of Belknap County will coordinate the meeting.

M. Schulz encouraged participation in the Spring Home Exposition.

V. Adjournment:

M. Schulz made the motion to adjourn. L. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.