

MINUTES OF MEETING
December 15, 2010
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the February 8, 2011 meeting

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

ABSENT- Tobias Paddock and Hillary May

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by D. Anson at 6 PM
- II. **Old Business :**
 - a. **Review of the public minutes for December 3, 2010**

L. Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion carried 5-0-0.
 - b. **Easement walks summaries due**

D. Anson will hand in the reports for the two Southdown easements by the end of December therefore completing the easement walk requirements for the year.
 - c. **Mission statement completion and official vote to adopt it**

Tabled
 - d. **Letter to Senator Lou D'Alessandro**

D. Anson thanked S. McPhie for drafting the original letter. The final version completed by D. Anson will be in the mail by next week. L. Morin suggested expediting the letter as the decision to sell State properties will be made soon.
- III. **New Business:**
 - a. **Lisa Morin, Belknap County & Laconia Conservation Commission open space meeting**

L. Morin announced the meeting will be scheduled for Monday January 31 at the Belknap County Conservation Office.

b. *Non-Public Session concerning land acquisition per RSA: 91-A: 3 II (d) -roll call vote required to enter non-public session*

Discussion was minimal and it was determined it would not be prudent to pursue current offers. The LCC was interested in assisting with grant writing if asked to do so.

c. **GIS open space map and Spread Sheet update –free teacher training in Plymouth**

D. Anson announced a goal of the Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) is to reach out to teachers providing water testing, training, and education. The recently completed water testing training module will provide instructions to create consistent results.

D. Anson encouraged teachers and others involved in education to take part in the upcoming three GIS training courses offered at Plymouth High School in late January and early February. Dates will be announced at the next meeting.

d. **Final Budget update**

The usual last minute activities for budget approval have taken place. Please submit ideas for the 2011-2012 budget.

e. **Brownfield's Update**

Two of the downtown Brownfield projects have been accepted while two additional ones did not qualify. The Blooms and Colonial properties did not qualify but the Gas Plant has been approved with the application for the old police station being pursued.

f. **Waste management Earth Day Project Update**

We will need to establish a date certain for our next meeting. Waste Management will let us know what time is available in January or February.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

No report

- Permit Sub-Committee – Staff

-Permits to be discussed at the January 12, 2010 meeting

IV. **Other Business:**

Subdivision/ Site Plan update -Staff

Sites are being closed down for the winter.
Additional filtration at the driving range is under review.

Water Testing Summary for the year

D. Anson will submit bills by the end of the year.

Commissioners Comments

L. Morin announced the February 18, 2011 Rain Garden Education event. Municipal Officials and private landscaper are encouraged to attend. The event is scheduled to be held from 10:00-11:30 AM at the Belknap County Complex just off Route 106.

Jewett Brook- Lisa Morin will handle the distribution of educational materials for Jewett Brook in Gilford and Laconia.

D. Anson mentioned that S. McPhie and he are working to create an event in the early spring targeting Lake Opechee to promote the Belknap County Plant sale encouraging the replacement of grass with low phosphorous vegetation and rain gardens to improve lake water quality.

V. **Adjournment:**

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