

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**JUNE 3, 2009**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED AT MEETING OF 8/5/09**

**PRESENT**- Walter Kalin, Marnie Schulz, **Co-Chairs**; Hillary Martin; Kyril Mitchell

**ABSENT** – M. Hutchins, **Secretary**, D. Anson, L. Morin

**GUEST** – D. Hanley

**STAFF** – Kristine Snow, Zoning Technician

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**CALL TO ORDER**- The June 3, 2009 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission was called to order at 6:15 pm by W. Kalin

K. Mitchell let the committee know that he had received e-mails from D. Hanson and L. Morin stating they would not be in attendance at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Approval of 4/15/09 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** The motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission was made by K. Mitchell and seconded by M. Schulz. All voted in favor of approval of the minutes as written.

**2) Conservation Easement Monitoring – Inspection Coordination:** It was noted that Tardiff Park had been cleaned up.

**3) Robbie Mills Park Gardens – Installation/Maintenance 2009**

W. Kalin told the committee members that the Park looks good and that everything survived the winter. Right now this will require about an hour of work. W. Kalin said he felt it could use a bit of color and varieties of plants were discussed.

Iris are a self caring plant and day lilies are drought tolerant so these would be good choices. The forsythia is growing well and the lilacs bloomed. Drought resistant plants would be a good choice. Walter and Marnie determined that they have plants of their own that they can separate and that they will go do the gardening that is needed. H. Martin said to send out an e-mail to the other members when they decide to go and see if anyone else can volunteer as well.

**4) Potential Land Acquisition Project – Discussion**

There was no update for the land acquisition.

**5) Natural Resource Inventory – Draft Review Discussion;**

W. Kalin indicated that he had just received a copy to review on Tuesday so had only been able to take a brief look at it. K. Mitchell passed his copy on to S. Saunders in the Planning Department for review.

**6) Planning Board Liaison Report:** K. Mitchell mentioned the metro clinic application which was at the Planning Board on June 2.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Perley Oak was discussed as the tree is not healthy looking. H. Martin said it is not being fertilized because of the pond, so it has wet feet. She said it needs fertilizer as it is too wet and soggy. The need for an arborist was mentioned and H. Martin said she has someone, John Martin, who could take a look at it and determine what is required. The funding for doing this was discussed. W. Kalin said to have J. Martin take a look at it and give a proposal. All were in agreement that this is needed. After the proposal is received it will be determined where to go for the funding. M. Schulz said it is one of the largest trees of its kind in the country and it is listed in the NRI as environmental treasure.

The proposed composting application at Petal Pushers Farm on Parade Road was discussed. No water will be used for the process so this should add additional impact to wells in the area.

H. Martin said D. Hanley e-mailed about the budget. She asked when it is due, and Kris Snow will e-mail Pam Reynolds with questions.

M. Schulz said she will be gone until June 30<sup>th</sup> and H. Martin said she would not be here for the work session.

It was determined that the Work Session is scheduled for June 17, which is during Bike Week, so the committee decided to cancel that. The next meeting will be held on July 1.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn was made by K. Mitchell, with the second by H. Martin. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.