

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**May 19, 2010**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Approved at the 6/2/2010 meeting**

**PRESENT-** Walter Kalin, Co. Chair Marnie Schulz, Co. Chair, Dean Anson, Deb. Williams and Leslie Thompson

**ABSENT-** Tobias Paddock, Hillary Martin, and Lisa Morin

**STAFF -** Scott McPhie, Planning Technician

I. **Call to Order:** The May 19, 2010 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) was called to order at 6:00 PM by W. Kalin.

II. **Old Business:**

**a. Approval of Public Minutes : 05/05/2010**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the May 5, 2010 public minutes as written. The motion was seconded by L. Thompson. The motion passed 5-0.

**b. Nominations & Elections**

W. Kalin felt the LCC sufficiently discussed the nomination process and the election of officers could move forward today.

D. Williams nominated D. Anson for the position of Chair, M. Schulz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. D. Anson abstained from the motion.

H. Martin expressed interest in taking on the Vice Chair role at the April meeting to be contingent on the appointment being no earlier than August 2010

D. Anson nominated H. Martin as Vice Chair. M. Schulz seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

A further discussion on the need for a secretary was voiced and W. Kalin and D. Anson felt it could not hurt to nominate a secretary.

D. Williams nominated L. Thompson to the position of secretary. The motion was seconded by M. Schulz. The motion passed 4-0-1. L. Thompson abstained from the motion.

M. Schulz made a motion to elect Dean Anson as Chairman of the Laconia Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 4-0-1. D. Anson abstained.

M. Schulz made a motion to elect Hillary Martin to serve as Vice Chairwomen effective in August 2010. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0-0.

M. Schulz made a motion to elect Leslie Thompson, Secretary. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. L. Thompson abstained from the motion.

c. **Final comments for Wentworth Cove 50-foot wetland buffer Incursion to build a Single Family Home**

S. McPhie read the letter into the record. The LCC supported the letter with no additions. All members were in agreement that no portions of the building should be placed in the wetland buffer.

**III. New Business:**

***a. Vision Statement Discussion***

The LCC reviewed D. Anson suggestion for a vision statement. W. Kalin, L. Thompson and D. Williams suggested the information and goals be utilized but the mission statement should only contain a few sentences. Various examples of other Town and City mission statements were distributed. W. Kalin complimented D. Anson's' write up and suggested the remainder of the document be drafted into future goals and objectives.

Specific goals and objectives were expressed by each member. L. Thompson listed her goals: 1. Land Conservation 2. Shore land Protection information 3. Education; M. Schulz goals were: 1. Water Quality issues 2. Invasive Species control ; D. Anson already provided his list and added emphasis to his # 1 priority of "Don't Put Phosphorus in the Lake" he suggested utilizing existing experts on the subject to familiarize Laconia with the current regional action plan . W. Kalin' # 1 goal was education and D. Williams also indicated education as her # 1 priority.

***b. Invasive Removal opportunities and discussion***

S. McPhie explained the increasing call for removal of Japanese Knotweed. L. Morin and County Extension service are also reaching out to public and private land owners concerning the problem. M. Schulz explained her recommendation as a master gardener and described the successful process of complete removal, drying and proper disposal of this aggressive weed. D. Anson made additional suggestions from his background in the study of invasive species. S. McPhie suggested the LCC put all their expertise together and create a Best Management Practice sheet for the removal of invasive to address local hot spots. S. McPhie distributed the Department of Transportation BMP's for invasive removal and mentioned the WOW trail will be working with Laconia Park Recreation to remove knotweed and bittersweet from State and City owned properties.

***c. Membership and Conservation Commission Input letters to the Planning Board***

W. Kalin discussed letters concerning the Conservation Commissions recommendations on the AKWA Vista Mid -Rise Development and the Valley Street wetland buffer incursion were both forwarded to the PB to fulfill City Wetland CUP requirements.

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

-Liaison Report

No Report

- Permit Sub-Committee Report

All permits were addressed by W. Kalin and S. McPhie earlier in the week.

**V. Other Business:**

-Commissioners Comments

D. Anson assigned L. Thompson to summarize the mission statement and list of goals and suggested a finalized bylaws document be placed on file.

The LCC was interested in creating an environmental event the first week of August to correspond with sidewalk days. The major theme would be recycling and controlling invasive plants. A creative idea of creating a culinary solution to invasive plants was also voiced.

-Staff comments

S. McPhie passed out the Waste Management "Think Green" document. Think Green is an exciting program to enhance wildlife habitat at transfer stations properties throughout the country. If the Laconia project goes forward it will be the first New England Community to move forward with the plan. Many other communities in the country have successfully implemented the program. The location of the project would be at the Laconia Transfer station on Meredith Center Road. The LCC expressed support for the project. The meeting was the first of many future meetings on the idea.

**VI. Adjournment:**

M. Schulz made the motion to adjourn. D. Anson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.