

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**May 5, 2010**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Approved at the 5/19/2010 meeting**

**PRESENT-** Marnie Schulz, **Co. Chair**, Deb. Williams, Leslie Thompson, Hillary Martin, and Tobias Paddock

**ABSENT-** Walter Kalin, Dean Anson, and Lisa Morin

**STAFF -** Scott McPhie, Planning Technician

I. **Call to Order:** The February 17, 2010 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) was called to order at 6:00 PM by M. Schulz.

II. **Old Business:**

a. **Approval of Public & Non-Public Minutes : 04/21/2010**

L. Thompson made a motion to approve the April 21, 2010 public and non-public minutes as written. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0.

b. **Election Nominations**

Since three members were not present nominations were postponed to a future meeting. The LCC reiterated they would prefer to have a Chair and Vice Chair instead of the current configuration of two Co. Chairs. The membership present expressed D. Anson was interested in becoming Chair when the position is available. M. Schulz currently is the Co-Chair and indicated she was open to discussing the nomination process. W. Kalin was not interested in renewing his membership due to interest in stepping down from volunteer activities. Interest in the position of secretary was expressed but found not to be necessary as staff currently takes care of that function. T. Paddock suggested the addition of a high school student to the LCC. Some members expressed concerns about the age requirement being an issue. M. Schulz suggested if it requires someone to be 18 to vote why not 18 years old to serve on the Commission.

III. **New Business:**

**a. Scenic Rd 72 units site plan (3 structures, each contain 24 units each)  
Map/Lot 130-234-1 & 124-234-3**

S. McPhie and T. Paddock expressed the need for the LCC to draft a strong letter to the planning board on the previously reviewed Valley Street single family proposal, located entirely in the wetland buffer. S. McPhie explained again to LCC members present it is their function under NH RSA's to comment to the Planning Board on site plan and subdivision proposals, particularly located in the wetland buffer. Staff comments are geared toward site plan conditions and follow up inspections and the LCC should continue to add additional comments and make an additional motion to approve those comments as well.

The Planning Board requests the LCC to create a strong statement backed up with unique comments related to the Wetland Conservation Overlay District criteria. The LCC was in agreement that should be done. The Conservation Commission was asked by the PB Chair and Co-Chair to make a motion to approve staff comments for the record.

The LCC discussed the Valley Street property and decided they would draft a strong letter against building a home in the wetland buffer. S. McPhie would draft the letter and forward to W. Kalin for signature. The LCC was in agreement.

L. Thompson made a motion to approve S. McPhie, Planning Technician/Conservation site plan comments for the Valley Street development with no additions. The motion was seconded by H. Martin. The motion passed 5-0-0.

The LCC discussed the Mid-rise property and decided they would draft a strong letter suggesting the construction of only one of the three 24-unit buildings therefore reducing mature steep slope ground cover disturbance and decreasing the need for additional sheet flow storm water runoff measures. The LCC favors existing natural water infiltration decreasing the need for additional storm water filtration before flows enter into a pipe emptying into Lake Winnepesaukee

L. Thompson made a motion to approve S. McPhie, Planning Technician/Conservation site plan comments for the Mid- Rise development with no additions. The motion was seconded by H. Martin. The motion passed 4-0-1. T. Paddock abstained from the motion.

**b. Vision Statement Discussion**

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

M. Schulz read the above item C into the record. H. Martin made a motion, seconded by D. Williams to enter non-public session. The motion passed by roll call vote. M. Schulz, T. Paddock, H. Martin, D. Williams, and L. Thompson were present.

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

**- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock**

T. Paddock reiterated the importance of the LCC to comment to the PB.

**- Permit Sub-Committee –**

All permits were addressed by W. Kalin.

**V. Other Business:**

**Commissioners Comments**

D. Williams again expressed interest in Planning an Environmental Fair. The LCC was in agreement.

**Staff Comments-**

S. McPhie added since we are focusing on Conservation Commission procedures he would create a book of information for all members so they could better understand what a Conservation Commissions role is in relation to the PB and Staff.

**VI. Adjournment :**

D. Williams made the motion to adjourn. H. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.