

MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2009
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MARCH 18, 2009

PRESENT- Walter Kalin, Marnie Schulz, Dean Anson, Hillary Martin, Mary Hutchins,
Kyril Mitchell

ABSENT – Diane Hanley, Lisa Morin

STAFF – Greg Jones, Conservation Technician

GUESTS –

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CALL TO ORDER- Walter Kalin started the meeting at 6:08pm

OLD BUSINESS

1) Minutes to Approve Minutes of 2/4/09

Motion: Dean Anson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted

Seconded: Marnie Schulz

Vote: Unanimous

2) NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Membership Dues

The Conservation Commission discussed the expenditure of \$578.00 in annual dues to the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. These funds are to be taken from the “Annual Fees” line item from the 2008-2009 fiscal year Conservation Commission budget which is capped at \$900.00 and specifically allocated to membership fee expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 14 Addison Street – Conditional Use Permit – Wetland buffer impact

Greg Jones, Conservation Technician, explained that the project is proposing to construct an 800+ square foot storage building. He explained that this building will be an addition to an existing on-site storage facility and will be impacting a small portion of the City’s newly adopted 75’ contiguous wetland buffer. A portion of this wetland system is adjacent to a section of Durkee Brook, which outlets into Lake Winnisquam. Due to the proposed impact to this buffer, the project was required to submit a conditional use permit. Greg Jones explained that his review of the project had led him to conclude that there would be a minimal amount of impact to the functions and values of the wetland system, as Kathleen Suroweic, the projects wetland scientist, had stated in her submitted report. The Commission exuded some concern over the type of material that would be stored within the building. Members questioned whether chemicals or other hazardous materials would be stored within the building which would potentially be detrimental to the wetland. Greg explained that within his comments to the applicant and the Planning Board he recommended

that yard debris be stored away from the wetland and associated buffer, that the wetland be re-flaged, and that proper erosion controls be utilized and maintained until the area is stabilized. In addition, he recommended that the applicant install "Laconia Natural Area" signs along the wetland buffer at 50' intervals to better mark the boundaries of the system.

Motion: Kyril Mitchell recommended approval with the condition that the Conservation Technicians recommendations are followed and that at no time can chemicals be stored within this building due to close proximity to contiguous wetlands.

Seconded: Dean Anson

Vote: Unanimous

2) **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (L.E.E.D)** – Presentation by the Laconia Conservation Technician

Item Tabled until next meeting (3/4/09)

Planning Board Liaison Report:

Nothing to report at this time

Sub-Committee Report:

Hillary Martin explained that she is in the process of contacting Katherine Hahn from New England Forestry Foundation to set up a meeting regarding land acquisitions. She informed the commission that she will update them when more information is available.

Motion: Walter Kalin motioned to end the meeting at 6:28pm

Seconded: Dean Anson

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting ended at: **6:28pm**

Respectfully submitted _____