

MINUTES OF MEETING
July 12, 2011
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the September 21, 2001 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Chair, Marnie Schulz, Debra Williams, and Hillary May,

ABSENT- Lisa Morin, Leslie Thompson and Tobias Paddock.

OTHERS PRESENT- Tom Selling, Steven Whalley, and Scott McPhie

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by D. Anson at 6:15 PM

I. Old Business:

a. Review minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting.

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2011. The motion was seconded by M. Schulz. The motion passed 4-0-1. Lisa Morin abstained.

II. New Business:

Thomas Selling, P.C. -presentation of HK Power Sports expansion plans with emphasis on drainage and storm water impacts. The property address is 1191 Union Avenue at tax map parcel 325/220/9

The proposal is to construct a vehicular cold storage building having electrical connections but no plumbing. The building will allow vehicles currently stored outside to be protected in a secure structure. The Tilton location will be closed with the Laconia location absorbing the closing.

T. Selling described the underground detention system created in the past to filter storm water runoff from this paved multiple lot complex. The current drainage system is sufficient to accommodate this additional structure. All current storm water and post construction storm water will daylight into a grassed lined swale before entering Black Brook. L. Morin asked about porous pavement options. T. Selling added they did not consider the option due to cost and size of the impacted area. He added all roof runoff water will be detained and diverted to the swale by way of catch basins. There will be no floor drains within the building. L. Morin asked about solvent usage on the site. S. Whalley, owner, indicated all cleaning materials are "simply green" in nature and solvents used are disposed properly according to environmental regulations.

S. McPhie pointed out requests from the TRC meeting held last Wednesday. T. Selling indicated he would make the proper corrections to the plan changing the wetland buffer from 30 to 50 feet, eliminating the middle number in the fertilizer mix and applying only Shoreland Protection slow release lime based fertilizer products. No pesticides or herbicides would be used. D. Anson suggested silt sock used as erosion control devices on the property. The suggestion was a good one but T. Selling did not believe erosion would be a major issue at the site. He felt the silt fence hay bale combination should be sufficient during the short construction envelop.

M. Schulz made a motion to approve the project with the following conditions: No phosphorus fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides should be used, amend the site plan to read a 50-foot buffer from wetland areas and a 75-foot buffer from Black Brook, and maintain all erosion control devices in working order, including but not limited to additional devices necessary when conditions warrant. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0.

Prioritizing Goals

- a. Meet and greet to recruit new Conservation member to focus on energy efficiency green building techniques.

The Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) should recruit additional members. D. Anson suggested a student member. All were in agreement. L. Morin suggested a member of the business community. S. McPhie thought a Park Recreation or an organic landscaping expert would assist in the phosphorus reduction and the eventual elimination of the substance where possible. All agreed any new member would be a good member as long as their agenda was to benefit conservation in the region and volunteer to create and work as a team following the cities conservation section of the Master Plan and goals established in the cities natural resources inventory.

- b. Discussion of simple erosion control management for small sites.

D. Anson felt this is very important to provide to small developers. S. McPhie suggested a top ten list of erosion control practices. L. Morin added the County would be sponsoring an erosion control seminar in Sanbornton on July 22, 2011 and there is a lot of material that already exists. S. McPhie added we need to make the list as simple as possible and may be able to create a document that can make general maintenance the norm instead so weekly reminders would be less needed particularly on smaller lots where the contractor does not have an erosion specialist on board.

c. Spinnaker Cove Dredge update

The LCC would pass the lead role for the Spinnaker Cove Aquatic Resource mitigation Grant to the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed association and wait and see how the milfoil is handled. Doing so would allow Spinnaker Cove to dredge away their problem clearing the way to pursue the grant next year for the entire length of Black Brook. All LCC requests of Spinnaker Cove including: total armoring of the dredge site to prevent milfoil release, a reduced trip for the dredged material to dump trucks and transported to an approved disposal site, and most importantly the elimination of chemical application on the milfoil in favor of diver pulling and black tarpaulin use to reduce the spread of the invasive weed.

d. Transfer Station Invasive species and wildlife habitat restoration

S. McPhie and M. Schulz will walk the transfer station site with city and Waste Management personnel next week to begin the process of invasive species removal and native species habitat improvements. A location for the invasive species educational kiosk has been selected. We hope to create an invasive species disposal hotline with our conservation commission number directing people to the Hilliard Road brush dump while creating a drop off bin for invasive species next to the compost bin. These materials could then be transported safely to the Hilliard Road brush dump to be dried out burned.

e. United Way Day of Caring preparation deadline to register

S. McPhie registered the Con Com for the annual event. It will take place early this year on September 9, 2011. The project will include trash pickup and general clean up of Durkee and Black Brooks.

f. Invasive species sidewalk days

Sidewalk days will take place on August 4, 2011 from 10 AM until around 6 PM.

g. Water testing updates

The Conservation Commission conducted a meet and greet event earlier in the year generating new volunteers for Pat Tarpey's program. The Conservation Commission now has its own water testing kit. S. McPhie is being trained to use the equipment and various teachers from the middle school and neighborhood residents have volunteered to assist with water

testing. It looks like we will be prepared to continue to gather data even if the State cuts back on any programs.

h. Rain Garden Projects

D. Williams explained the exciting project proposed on at the Lake Opechee Middle School. S. McPhie will meet with D. Williams next week and take one of the other planners to look at the proposed work.

i. County wide open space linkage group

The first two meeting of the year were a great success. The last meeting was scheduled for June but did not take place due to many unplanned factors. I almost think we had too many meeting to start with. L. Morin will take over for L. Thompson as the Laconia Con Com liaison. S. McPhie will continue to generate additional project ideas. We hope to have the snow mobile club members talk about linkage opportunities at a future upcoming meeting. A great map was generated for the City of Laconia showing small critical preservation areas around Paugus Bay. D. Anson requested that L. Thompson acquire a copy of the map so the Con Com could create priority sites. S. McPhie indicated use of the map would enable the LCC to determine which small parcels have value.

j. Milfoil management in Paugus Bay

L. Morin informed the group Lake Opechee will use divers instead of Chemical applications this year to manage their milfoil. T. Selling putting on his Lake Opechee hat expressed grave concerns about chemical use on Milfoil. D. Anson also was concerned but admitted the milfoil may not go away without some level of chemical use.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

No report

Permit Sub-Committee – Staff

D. Anson and S. McPhie reviewed all permits before the meeting to keep up with the heavy load

IV. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update-

Christmas Island and Margate are preparing to introduce rain gardens to their patio and Condominium proposals.

- Commissioners Comments

D. Anson requested the next meeting be held on Tuesday July 26 at 6 PM

- Staff Comments-

The Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association plan update and presentation will be held at the new offices of Belknap County Conservation Services in Gilford at the old Southern New Hampshire University building.

The invasive species education table is tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 4, 2011 at the beginning of sidewalk days.

Monday August 15 Jewett Brook geomorphologic study and report to be held at the Library at 6 PM. By September we should revert back to our regular meeting schedule on Wednesday's at 6 PM.

V. Adjournment:

M. Schulz made a motion to adjourn the motion was seconded by D. Williams and passed 5-0-0