

MINUTES OF MEETING
June 22, 2011
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
approved at the July 12, 2011 meeting

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

ABSENT- Lisa Morin, Leslie Thompson and Tobias Paddock.

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

II. Old Business:

**a. Review minutes from the April 12, 2011
Public and Non-public meeting**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the public minutes for April 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by H. May. The motion passed 4-0.

D. Williams made a motion to approve the non- public minutes for April 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by H. May. The motion passed 4-0.

III. New Business:

**a. Erin Darrow, P.E. Right Angle Engineering, updates the
Commission on the status of the Spinnaker Cove Yacht Club /Black
Brook Milfoil and sediment removal project Post Water
Monitoring will be discussed.**

E. Darrow updated the Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) on the Spinnaker Cove dredge and fill application approval. Spinnaker Cove has agreed not to use chemical applications on the milfoil and is open to suction dredging and the use of a divers where practical. Chemicals cannot be used at the mouth of Black brook because of the facilities close proximity to the City of Laconia Water supply intake pipe.

The ultimate project cost to dredge and clean the mouth of Black Brook and rid it of milfoil is estimated to be around \$250,000 dollars. Spinnaker Cove has budgeted for some of the dredging but applying for ARM grant would be necessary to fund the majority of the project. E. Darrow would encourage the LCC to be the lead applicant for the grant as a clean Black Brook is mutually beneficial to all.

The Spinnaker/Black brook pre- application is the only one on file at New Hampshire DES. DES indicated a municipality or other government entity would be a stronger applicant for grant funding. Seeking the entire grant amount would not be looked at well by the granting board. Applying for \$75,000.00 initially would be appropriate and if the project is found to be deserving additional funding sources may become available. The sawdust pile in the Black Brook wetland complex is considered as critically important wildlife habitat and enhances the grant application.

The LCC would determine if they felt they should act as lead applicant or let another public entity take the lead. Additional funding could be sought from non impaired watershed restoration funds. E. Darrow was interested to see if Black Brook was a high hazard ranked brook which should be listed in the City Hazardous Mitigation Plan. S. McPhie indicated the plan was recently updated and is available for review in the Planning Department. He would review the plan and see if Black Brook is indicated. Construction in Gilford is probably contributing to Black Brooks issues.

b. Wetland Conservation Overlay District- Please make any preliminary suggestions to improve it.

D. Anson distributed some existing suggestions and encouraged the rest of the LCC to come forward and discuss their ideas at a future meeting.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:-Transfer station wildlife update and River walk planting preliminary research

S. McPhie indicated the invasive species were inventoried and GPS readings were taken. He handed M. Schulz images of the plants and she would come back with recommended eradication methods at the next meeting.

Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

Not Available

Permit Sub-Committee – Staff

IV. Other Business:

Subdivision/ Site Plan update – Christmas Island Condominium Project

S. McPhie explained the Christmas Island Motel is proposing to convert all of their units to condominiums. The main concern of the project is the direct discharge pipe leading to Paugus Bay and the ultimate responsible party to the pipe. Many improvements have been requested via staff and are being implemented in the proposed condominium documents including the

requirement to maintain new added rain gardens, a ban of pesticides, herbicides, phosphorus and the need to add silt sock rather than silt fence. Please provide any additional suggestions tonight or via-email before July 6, 2011.

Commissioners Comments

D. Williams explained their proposed rain garden project at Lake Opechee.

Staff Comments

All comments were made within the subjects covered in the meeting.

V. Adjournment:

M. Schulz made a motion to adjourn the motion was seconded by D. Williams and passed 3-0-0