

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- 3.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From December 11, 2019

Documents:

[CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES 12.11.19.PDF](#)

4. NEW BUSINESS
- 4.I. 2020-2021 Budget

Documents:

[2020-2021 CON CON.XLS](#)

- 4.II. Natural Resource Inventory Update

Documents:

[ABUTTING TOWN NRIS.DOCX](#)

5. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.I. Events 2020

Documents:

[EVENTIDEAS.DOCX](#)

- 6.II. Perley Pond Update
- 6.III. Gilford Lake Shore Rd. Culvert Replacement
- 6.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update
- 6.V. Tributary & Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling
- 6.VI. State School Property Update
- 6.VII. Cyanobacteria

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.I. Milfoil Management

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. STAFF REPORT

10. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (ACCORDING TO RSA 91-A:3, II)

- (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
- (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.
- (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.
- (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

10.I. Proposed Conservation Land Acquisition

11. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting facility is ADA accessible. Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs additional accommodations, please contact the department at (603) 527-1264 at least 72 hours in advance so necessary arrangements can be made.

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Draft Minutes

12/11/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Anson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Dean Anson, Deb Williams, Mike Foote, Lisa Morin, and Richard Christopher

Members Absent: Wes Bates and Marnie Schulz

Staff: Dean Trefethen and Ashley Ruprecht

Guests: Luke Powell representing the NHDES permit application for Bartlett Beach.

The commission saluted the flag.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From November 20

D. Williams suggested correcting "and overview," to "an overview" in section 4.11 of the minutes.

D. Williams motions to accept the minutes with the suggested corrections. L. Morin seconds. All voted in favor.

L. Morin asked for A. Ruprecht to resend the Events 2020 list and to share information about the Pollinator Pathways event with the rest of the commission. A. Ruprecht agreed.

There is additional discussion about Mr. Homsis's application, regarding next steps in the process. Chair D. Anson suggests that at TRC Mr. Homsis needs to have a determination on whether the wetland is a vernal pool or not. D. Trefethen said he agrees this needs to be determined prior to approval, in writing, by a Certified Wetlands Scientist. There is discussion about wetlands mapping and the various result depending on the time of year and weather conditions.

A. Ruprecht has minutes from the previous meeting and a memo drafted and will send it out to the applicant and commission once it is internally approved.

Chair D. Anson recounted the TiteFlex project and how they did not delineate their wetlands in the spring and the conservation commission had said that the delineation needed to be done in the spring. Chair D. Anson said if the same condition was applied to Mr. Homsis's application than it would not be singling him out since this has been done before.

There is discussion about the unclaimed lot abutting Mr. Homsis's property.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. Conservation Land Acquisition

The applicant was unable to attend and will attend the next Conservation Commission meeting that he is available to be present at.

4.II. Lake Winnepesaukee Association Membership

L. Morin motioned to approve payment for renewing the commission's membership with the LWA for \$75. D. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

A. Ruprecht mentioned NH Lakes also reached out, regarding a donation request. L. Morin motions that the commission does not support paying an additional donation to NH Lakes on top of their current membership fee. M. Foote seconds. No comments. All voted in favor.

4.III. 2020 Meeting Schedule

There is discussion amongst the commission regarding the prospect of moving the meeting time later in the evening, and the difference between having a "regular meeting" and a "work session."

Since there has not been a difference between the two meetings each month, D. Christopher suggested that there should just be 2 regular meetings each month. A. Ruprecht will update the schedule for 2020 to show this.

Chair D. Anson stated that members should RSVP to the meetings to A. Ruprecht so that the commission is certain there is a quorum. Chair D. Anson said that if the commission has quorum but someone leaves and there is no longer quorum, the public meeting ends and recording stops, but the commission can still have discussion amongst themselves as a work session, with no decisions.

D. Williams asked if phone numbers of commission members are listed on the website. A. Ruprecht said she will check but believes that their numbers are not online. Chair D. Anson stated the commission cannot speak to applicants outside of the meetings about applications.

5. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

5.I. Bartlett Beach NHDES Permit Application

L. Powell with Powell Asset Mapping working with Louriero provided an overview of the project. The existing parking lot at Bartlett Beach has erosion issues because it is flat and draining into the lake. The project proposes to reverse the grade of the parking area away from the lake and reducing the size of the gravel parking area. By reducing the size of the parking, the wetland buffer can be enhanced by planting trees creating a vegetated berm to hold water during storm events. Rims for catch basins will stick out of the ground some. The grass area adjacent to the parking lot will not be maintained lawn to assist with filtering stormwater and prevent erosion. A NHDES Shoreland Permit by Notification and NHDES Expedited Minimum Impact Permit will be filed for the project.

L. Morin commented that public may complain about the grass not being cut and potentially adding signage that explains why. D. Trefethen agreed. L. Powell said they may maintain the lawn right alongside the parking lot but the majority needs to not be mowed.

The commission and applicant discuss the turbidity curtain, existing vegetation, compost waddles, and more.

M. Foote asked about the knotweed on the property. L. Powell will not be planning to remove it as a part of the project but said the Parks Department may be able to do it separately. R. Christopher recommends that Parks and Rec addresses the knotweed on the property.

D. Williams motioned to accept the application with the condition that the knotweed and signage

explaining to the public why the grass isn't mowed will be looked into. L. Morin seconds. No additional comments. All voted in favor.

L. Morin will share the project plans with the Winnisquam Watershed Network.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.I. Perley Pond Update

D. Trefethen stated that a NHDES application has been filed to dredge the pond, and the tree has been trimmed.

6.II. Tributary & Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling Chair D. Anson stated this will begin in the spring.

6.III. State School Property Update

D. Trefethen attended the last meeting. They are requesting the legislature to change them from a Commission to an Authority. The advantage is that they would control sale and lease of the property rather than it going through the state sale process. This will go before the legislature in January.

There are 2 areas where there is contamination, one of which will need abatement if the ground is disturbed. L. Morin added that Genuine Local still feels their proposal is being strongly supported. The commission briefly discusses the old steam tunnels underneath the property.

6.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update

A. Ruprecht states RPF Environmental will be doing testing tomorrow, collecting samples from the 3 outbuildings that the commission would like to demo. It will take about 2-3 days to test the samples and 7-14 days for a report to be compiled.

6.V. Cyanobacteria

There are no updates at this time.

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.I. Milfoil Management

A. Ruprecht is working with Rich Tilton and Amy from NHDES to wrap up 2019 funding and look at 2020 funding.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The commission discusses the gas station at 1467 Lake Shore Rd. in Gilford, regarding replacement of a culvert at a contaminated site. The commission discusses what level of involvement they would like to have since the stream flows into Black Brook. The commission decided that they would like to be kept in the loop regarding the progress of the project and requested A. Ruprecht reaches out to Carol Hill of the Gilford Conservation Commission to be kept informed, and to add the project on the upcoming agendas to be discussed.

L. Morin provided an overview of Pollinator Pathways and requested A. Ruprecht sends out the information that was provided to her to the rest of the commission.

Chair D. Anson mentioned that he would like to see the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) updated and to get a cost estimate. Chair D. Anson suggested seeing what it cost last time and contacting Rick Van de Poll, an environmental scientist, for an estimate. L. Morin mentioned that there may be different levels of NRIs and suggested looking at what other towns have done around Laconia. A. Ruprecht will look at what other towns have done. D. Trefethen said we would most likely be looking at fiscal year for 2022 since the

budget for 2021 is in the process of being established now.

8.I. 2020 Event Opportunities

A. Ruprecht said only 1 person responded to the events list for 2020. A. Ruprecht will resend to the commission for them to make their selections. D. Williams provided her preferences of events for 2020.

8.II. Robert's Rules Of Order

The commission discusses appropriate meeting behavior and reflects upon the last meeting on November 20, specifically regarding Mr. Homsis's application.

9. STAFF REPORT

A. Ruprecht briefly mentioned that she attended a workshop regarding single-use plastics regulation in the state of New Hampshire. A. Ruprecht will send out materials provided to her at the workshop for commission members to review.

Chair D. Anson would like to review the 2020-2021 budget at the next meeting. A. Ruprecht will add this to the agenda for January 8th and will send it out ahead of time to commission members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

D. Williams motions to adjourn the meeting. M. Foote seconds. There are no additional comments. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59PM

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>20-21</u>
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>MANAGER</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
OTHER								
01 422 207 0000 Postage	\$83	\$10	\$27	\$10	\$100	\$100		
01 422 208 0000 Printing	154	-	-	-	-			
01 422 212 0000 Copier	114	26	16	9	100	100		
01 422 214 0000 Supplies	-	163	-	28	400	400		
01 422 239 0000 Weed Watchers	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000		
01 422 247 0000 Training	375	540	545	440	800	800		
01 422 303 0000 Misc.	715	500	-	300	700	700		
01 422 304 0000 O/S	108	-	-	-	-			
01 422 390 0000 Annual Fees	730	1,105	1,365	800	1,400	1,400		
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,279	\$2,344	\$1,953	\$2,586	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0
DEPT. O&M TOTAL	\$2,279	\$2,344	\$1,953	\$2,586	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0

Laconia, 2009-

<https://www.laconianh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/908/Laconia-Natural-Resource-Inventory-NRI-Report-2009-PDF?bidId=>

Report Prepared by: John C. Severance, Jaclyn V. Comeau, and Elise J. Lawson Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. Natural Resource Consultants 42 Mill Street, Suite 3 Littleton, NH 03561
Cost: ~\$10k

Belmont, 2007-

<http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/ConCom/BelmontNRI-0507.pdf>

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Gilford, 2011-

https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/16/Gilford_NRI_1337286251.pdf

Report Prepared by: Blue Moon Environmental, Inc. & VHB Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Meredith, Phase I 2003-2005, Phase II 2006-2007.

Phase I: not available online

Phase II https://www.meredithnh.org/sites/meredithnh/files/uploads/nri_2_2009.pdf

Report Prepared by: Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D. Ecosystem Management Consultants (EMC) 30 North Sandwich Rd. Center Sandwich, NH 03227

The purpose of Phase II of the NRI was to: 1) conduct a field investigation of each of the high value co-occurrence areas identified during the Phase I inventory, 2) conduct a field-based wildlife habitat analysis of representative areas of the Town, and 3) perform a GPS-based field delineation of all prime wetland areas, as made accessible by private property permission.

Sanborton,

Nothing online. Sent email to Brad Crosby, Chair of Sanborton Conservation Commission.

Name	Date	Event Ideas
World Wetlands Day	02-02: February 2	
World Wildlife Day	March 3	
Solar Appreciation Day	Second Friday of March	
International Day of Action for Rivers ^[2]	03-14: March 14	
Global Recycling Day ^[3]	03-18: March 18th	
International Day of Forests	03-21: March 21	
World Water Day	03-22: March 22	
Arbor Day	04-10: April 10	
Earth Day	04-22: April 22 ^[4]	
World Migratory Bird Day ^[5]	Second Saturday of May	
Endangered Species Day ^[6]	05: Third Friday of May	
International Day for Biological Diversity (World Biodiversity Day)	05-22: May 22	
World Turtle Day	05-23: May 23	

Name	Date	Event Ideas
Bike-to-Work Day	05: Third Friday of May	
World Environment Day	06-05: June 5	
International Climate Change Day	06-21: June 21	
World Nature Conservation Day	July 28	
National Honey Bee Day	08-22: August 22	
National Cleanup Day ^[18]	09: September 21, 2019, Third Saturday in September	
World Water Monitoring Day	09-18: September 18	
Zero Emissions Day ^[19]	09-21: September 21	
Car Free Day	09-22: September 22	
World Rivers Day ^[23]	09: Last Sunday of September	
World Habitat Day	10: First Monday of October	
World Animal Day	10-04: October 4	
Energy Efficiency Day ^[24]	10: First Wednesday in October	

Name	Date	Event Ideas
International E-Waste Day	10: October 14	
Sustainability Day ^[25]	10: Fourth Wednesday of October	
International Day of Climate Action	10-24: October 24	
World Vegan Day	11-01: November 1	
America Recycles Day	11-15: November 15	
World Fisheries Day	11-21: November 21	
World Soil Day ^[30]	12-05: December 5	