

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

10/16/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Anson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Dean Anson, Deb Williams, Wesley Bates, Dick Christopher, Mike Foote were present

Absent: Lisa Morin, Marnie Schulz

Staff present: Planning Director Dean Trefethen

Chair D. Anson stated there were four members present and a quorum was established.

The commission led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From October 2

The Commission skipped over the acceptance of the minutes. Later decided to hold off until Nov 6.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. 25 Eastman Shore Drive; Correct Site & Erosion Control Issues

Applicant Mike Sirois addressed the Commission. Purchased the property last September and in November started having issues with heavy rain. They didn't notice the erosion on the downhill side of the septic system until the septic alarms went off. There were no issues through the winter until spring. The driveway was changed from the Planning Board approval without permission.

If the rest of the driveway gets paved, it was suggested to pitch away from rip rap ditch. Other suggestions were to install an additional rain garden to slow water down before it gets to the lake, contact NH Lakes Association for "Lakesmart" suggestions and to use phosphorus free fertilizer.

Motion to recommend the suggestions to the planning board made by M. Foote, D. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

4.II. 40 Carriage Lane; Deck Within The Wetland Buffer

The applicant was not present for this presentation. Planning Director D. Trefethen gave a brief overview to the commission. The back of the proposed house is at the 50 ft wetland buffer and the applicant wants to put a deck on with a back yard in that buffer zone. So the request would be to go to the 30 ft wetland buffer. There is no trail along the water like shown on the plan.

The commission made suggestions for silt sox at the 30 ft buffer line and to plant blueberries or a low bush type of planting.

Motion to continue the application to the end of the meeting made by D. Christopher, M. Foote seconded. All voted in favor.

4.III. Van Buren Road MBL 287-307-13; Construct A 5,400 Sf Barn With Tennis Court In The Wetland Buffer

Applicant: Steve Smith addressed the commission. He was present along with Eric Bohler. There is no use of the property without relief from the 50 ft wetland buffer. There is no way to get in to the site without disturbing the buffer. the only area that could be used is in the middle. There is a culvert there that goes into a wetland pocket, which has probably created from the culvert. The applicant would like to put a driveway between the two wetlands. The impact to the buffer would be due to the driveway. The applicant will have a drilled well and septic on site. A drainage and stormwater system will be put on site. 65-68% of the land will remain untouched. The only part being disturbed will be the first 100 ft of the driveway.

Planning Director D. Trefethen mentioned that staff will recommend only personal items to be stored at the planning board.

Motion to recommend to Planning board minimal cutting of trees on Van Buren made by M. Foote, W. Bates seconded. All voted in favor.

Return to Carriage Lane:

The commission would like to keep the deck size as proposed and to keep the highlighted sections of the application as recommendations. The commission would like to have the applicant address the board before any approval. Chair D. Anson stated that he would like to see that there is enough of an interest on the applicant's part to come and talk with the commission on what is proposed and what the Commission would like to see so it can be discussed.

Motion to continue the application to November 6, 2019 made by M. Foote, D. Williams seconded.

D. Williams had concern about the amount of trees being cut on Van Buren.

4.IV. NH Pumpkin Festival

The commission discussed the changes throughout the years and that they are happy with the how it is run.

5. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.I. Perley Pond Update

There were concerns on the level of cutting of the vegetation on the road side. They are very happy with the trimming of the tree. There was a suggestion to have a data sheet on a new fabric to prevent roots. The Commission would like Amy Lovisek, Parks Director, to come to a meeting.

6.II. Tributary & Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling

No tributary sampling has been done. M. Foote mentioned there is still a column test being done, but the line needs to be longer by 5 ft.

6.III. State School Property Update

No update. The last meeting was mostly on budget.

6.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update

Planning Director D. Trefethen said staff has talked with DPW and going to buy some test kits for lead paint. There are some rolls of tar paper in one of the sheds and shingles on roofs need to be tested for asbestos. Chair D. Anson and Ashley Ruprecht went out with DPW Director Wes Anderson, because DPW will be taking down the structures. Looks like someone may be living in the A-frame as well.

6.V. Cyanobacteria

No update

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.I. Milfoil Management

Chair D. Anson believes the milfoil work has been completed. Planning Director D. Trefethen said they discontinued the diver assisted and will do more next year.

8. STAFF REPORT

Chair D. Anson mentioned to the Planning Board chair to see if any members would be interested in being a liaison and it will be brought up at the next meeting. D. Christopher asked if anyone from the Heritage Commission would be interested and Chair D. Anson will ask Jane Whitehead.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting on November 6, 2019 will be in conference room 200B.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by D. Williams, W. Bates seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully,

K. Graham