

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

3/4/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Deb Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Deb Williams, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote, Wes Bates.

Members Absent: Marnie Schulz, Dean Anson.

Staff: Ashley Ruprecht- Conservation Planner Technician

Guests: Stacy Soucy- Interested in Planning Board liaison to the Commission, and Steve Smith representing the preliminary site plan for Court St property (455-54-62, 63 & 64).

The Commission saluted the flag.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. Acceptance Of Minutes From February 19, 2020

M. Foote motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented. L. Morin seconded.

All voted in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. NH Route 11/Court St Preliminary Site Plan (455-54-62, 63 &64)

D. Williams moved the review of this application ahead of the meeting minutes review.

S. Smith presented an overview of the project and explained that Stafford Oil will be expanding their business and looking to add additional office space, storage space, and parking to the existing property. S. Smith stated this project is in the preliminary stages but wanted to get input from the Conservation Commission on the project, specifically related to treatment of stormwater since none currently exists on the property. The project will need a CUP for paving work within the 50ft wetland buffer and to create a stormwater detention area.

The Commission discussed snow storage, vegetation, runoff, fencing, landscaping, and existing gas tank storage with the applicant. The Commission had no additional questions at this time and thanked S. Smith for seeking preliminary feedback.

4.II. NH Lakes Lake Host Grant

D. Williams provided a brief overview of the NH Lakes Lake Host Grant and data from the previous year of volunteer work. This year the Commission is eligible for \$1,256 of grant money, which would need 100% of volunteer time. If the Commission wants to apply for the grant this year, they need to submit documentation by March 20th. D. Williams suggested having a vote at the next meeting.

A. Ruprecht will confirm the Commission are still members of NH Lakes.

5. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

There were no NHDES permits for review at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.I. World Water Day Planning

D. Williams stated she provided information to the local schools about World Water Day to share with students on Monday 3/23.

The Commission reviewed a fact sheet A. Ruprecht put together for the Laconia Links to inform the public about the day and ways to conserve water. The Commission suggested having some information about medication drop off and proper disposal. A. Ruprecht will pull together this additional information.

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

S. Soucy is a Planning Board alternate member and is interested in being the liaison to the Conservation Commission. S. Soucy gave an update on the Bartons project and the applications for boundary line adjustment that were before the Planning Board at their meeting the night before.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

D. Williams mentioned upcoming conferences to the Commission. A. Ruprecht said she will be attending the NH 2020 Water & Watershed Conference and that if anyone has interest in that conference or others to let her know and she can assist with registration.

The Commission briefly discussed the draft Rules of Procedure. A. Ruprecht said she received Barbara Richter's comments earlier that day and incorporated them into the comments tab. D. Williams said she found a typo in section VI where "pervious" should be changed to "previous". D. Williams suggested members review the comments and have further discussion at the next meeting.

8.I. Unsealing Minutes From:

D. Williams motioned to unseal meeting minutes from the Pickerel Pond property purchase, dated: 1/3/2018, 2/13/2018, 3/21/2018, 4/4/2018, 4/18/2018, 5/2/2018, 5/16/2018, 6/20/2018, 7/18/2018, 8/1/2018, 8/15/2018, 9/19/2018, 10/24/2018, 11/14/2018, 12/12/2018.

M. Foote seconded. All voted in favor.

D. Williams motioned to hold a public hearing regarding the expenditure of conservation funds on the purchase of the Pickerel Pond property during the next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 6PM.

M. Foote seconded. All voted in favor.

9. STAFF REPORT

A. Ruprecht stated she received the long-term milfoil management plans for milfoil treatment in Lake Opechee and Winnisquam Lake, which will consist of herbicide and diver/DASH treatment managed by

NHDES. A. Ruprecht will send those management plans out to the Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT

M. Foote motioned to adjourn the meeting. W. Bates seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07PM

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