

City of Laconia Conservation Commission
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Marnie Schulz, Lisa Morin, Richard Christopher, Wesley Bates (6:18pm)

absent: Deb Williams, Michael Foote

Chair D. Anson stated that there was a quorum.

Staff present: Planning Director Dean Trefethen, Assistant Director Rob Mora

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion to accept the minutes with the revisions stated made by L. Morin, M. Schulz seconded. All voted in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

W. Bates mentioned that he will be student teaching in the fall at the high school. There is an environmental science class and suggested the board think of projects that the students may be able to participate in. L. Morin stated that the Conservation District still has a pot of money that was for equipment for those students. She would love to sit down with W. Bates and map out a budget. She also still has stencils that can be used and she explained a few other projects that were done. Chair D. Anson suggested getting the materials for Lake Smart and teach the students with that. Something that will explain what watersheds are and how they work. L. Morin would love the Commission to host the students at City Hall, where it could be televised.

There was discussion on what to have the students do and suggestions on equipment for mapping.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.I. Perley Pond Update

Planning Director D. Trefethen explained what is going on. The meeting with family and other city officials a few months ago resulted in the request to seek a dredge permit from DES to do the perimeter of the pond because of a perceived sediment from erosion. The initial indication from DES was unfavorable but the application is still being ensued. They are still looking for an arborist to do some major trimming of the tree in an effort to preserve or prolong the tree. The last thing he knew, no one had been hired yet. Getting in there will be an issue.

There was discussion on plantings and tree removal around the parcel. Planning Director D. Trefethen will talk with Parks Director Amy Lovisek.

5.II. Tributary And Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling

Chair D. Anson stated that no tributary and sampling has been done. He asked for volunteers. Planning Director D. Trefethen stated that they are in process of the replacement Conservation Technician with interviews starting soon. He suggested waiting until that position is filled. Chair D. Anson suggested the sampling be done as it needs to be similar times throughout the year.

5.III. State School Property Update

Chair D. Anson said there is a meeting at the Laconia Middle School at seven o'clock, July 16. Planning Director D. Trefethen stated that the board will give a presentation first, including a readout of the concept of a sport recreational facility. Public comment will then be open.

There was discussion on the maintenance of the facility.

Chair D. Anson asked if the Lakes Region Planning Commission is applying for any EPA grants for additional sampling and Planning Director D. Trefethen said yes. Chair D. Anson spoke with Jeff Hayes and the project manager from Nobis and was told there is no environment contamination in the ground. Planning Director D. Trefethen spoke about the sewer line and possible replacement. The site is now hooked up to city water.

5.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update

Chair D. Anson said he has not done anything on the property and suggested he and W. Bates take a walk next week.

6. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.I. Agriculture - Lakes Region Food Network: Farmer's Market

L. Morin mentioned the Lakes Region Food Network had meeting Monday. One of the things discussed was the fact that there are no active farmer's markets in Laconia anymore. There is an interest in some kind of outreach and asked if the commission would be interested in supporting the subject. The last market on Saturdays discontinued because the organizer didn't have time to take on more. R. Christopher noted that attendance was dwindling and many farmers going to bigger markets. He suggested including the vendors in the outreach as well as the public.

R. Christopher thinks its part of what we do. D. Anson agreed. W. Bates also agreed. M. Schulz feels conservation and farming go together. The board agreed to support the request.

7.II. Milfoil Management

Planning Director D. Trefethen mentioned the city has committed \$40,000 for fy2020. There was about \$7,500 from last year. A bill for the chemical treatment was just submitted which took care of last years amount. There is also fundraising going around but more money will be needed. NH Lakes might be something to look into as well. Chair D. Anson will talk with Tom Obrien. R. Christopher asked they do the chemical is there any followup to see the effectiveness and Chair D. Anson said yes. Amy Spagulla from the state, does a survey in the spring and fall to see the effectiveness. The herbicides are from one company and the divers are several different companies. The chemical changed from last year which changed the price. Chair D. Anson wondered if the City could have their own divers for a better price. Planning Director D. Trefethen said that could go out to bid.

8. STAFF REPORT

There was discussion on the meeting schedule. The next meeting will be July 24 for a work session and a regular meeting August 7.

Chair D. Anson will get some information on equipment and L. Morin will get information on the Farmer's Market.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by M. Schulz, R. Christopher seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully,

Kalena Graham

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

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