

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, August 7, 2019 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Accepted August 21, 2019

8/7/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dean Anson, Deb Williams, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote (6:12pm), Wes Bates (7:12 pm)

Absent: Marnie Schulz, Richard Christopher

Staff present: Assistant Director Rob Mora

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From July 24

Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by L. Morin, D. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.I. Perley Pond Update

Assistant Director R. Mora said they got bids but nothing has been finalized yet so there are no numbers. One of the higher bidders did mention that it should be left to natural state because pruning could ruin the foundation of the tree.

D. Anson asked about dredging. He remembers being told that they wanted to dredge, as you face the site, along the edge of the right hand side and parallel to the road to remove some of the sediment. There was discussion of the root path. L. Morin would still like to see some sort of proactive plan for the transition for commemorative rather than it being gone and people be in shock. There was discussion on ideas of what to do with the wood.

M. Foote asked if there was an inventory of trees in the state and L. Morin said UNH has a tree program but nothing for the city in a few years. L. Morin explained the list. D. Anson suggested they treat any insects that are infesting the tree.

5.II. Tributary And Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling

The conductivity meter is still with the state. R. Mora will check with the state on the status.

5.III. State School Property Update

L. Morin said 4 members of the Lakeshore Redevelopment Commission are in favor of including the Concom proposal. There was a write up in the paper as well. R. Mora will email when the next Lakeshore Redevelopment meeting will be.

5.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update

M. Foote noticed that on the conservation land a fairly good infestation of Japanese knotweed on the eastern side of the lot. D. Anson thought out loud if there was another natural plant that could overpower it, other than bittersweet. There was discussion on ways to get rid of knotweed. L. Morin suggested making a "friends of pickerel pond" group some kind of informal meeting to get to know the neighbors and introduce the commission, since now the Concom is a property owner of a lot there. D. Williams asked if the pond had ever been tested and suggested it be done if not, as a starting point. It was unknown.

5.V. Cyanobacteria

None of the members ended up going to the workshop. D. Williams stated that two of the largest lakes in New Jersey had blooms and been closed for the summer.

6. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.I. Milfoil Management

R. Mora sent up the approval of the transfer of the \$10,000. D. Anson gave a brief explanation to the members that were absent last meeting. D. Williams had a boater on Sunday say there was milfoil on the north end of Opechee Lake. Out of the lake host grant have a little over \$1200 left out of the \$1900. There is about a 60% match for that grant so far. There is about 60 – 80 boats surveyed on the weekends.

D. Williams said the Messer street ramp has been pretty clean.

D. Anson stated that Wicwas is looking for a lake host until mid Oct.

L. Morin noted that a few boards she is on has many new legislative items. There is a study in process for a committee for seeing if conservation lands are impeding development. She asked about sharing legislative updates and R. Mora said it could be sent out.

D. Williams stated the Granite United Way has put out the information for the Day of Caring. It will be on September 25 and they are accepting ideas. Some ideas were the bittersweet removals on properties not along side of the road for safety issues. Pickerel pond was also a suggestion.

D. Anson stated the Belknap County Fair is August 10 and 11 in Belmont.

M. Foote added that it might be a good idea to speak with some regarding harvesting in the areas of the old Weirs dump, located across from the Weirs Times offices.

Wes Bates came in at 7:12 PM

D. Anson said a teacher, Deb Berl, spoke with the Winnisquam Watershed Network and wants to talk about water testing and something the kids could do with the commission.

The United Way has a Day of Caring, which has volunteers from organizations all over and do projects, locally. The commission submits candidate projects. One year Jewett was a cleanup. He was thinking of doing something on Jewett after school with the kids.

8. STAFF REPORT

August 21 the new Conservation technician will be starting, which will be the next Conservation meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by M. Foote, L. Morin seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

Motion to go into non public session to approve the non public minutes made by D. Anson.

The Commission went into non public session.

Motion to come out of non public session made by D. Anson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully,
Kalena Graham