

10/24/2018 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Dean Anson, Vice-chair Deborah Williams, Dick Christopher, Lisa Morin, Marnie Schulz

Members Absent: Michael Foote

Staff/recording clerk: Evan Rathburn, Dean Trefethen (Planning Director)

There are currently no alternates

There is one guest, Wesley Bates.

2. Establish A Quorum

A quorum was established with the members present.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance/Handicap Exits/Silence Cell Phones

4. Review Of The Previous Meeting's Minutes

Lisa M. makes a motion to approve the minutes with amendments.

Deborah W. seconds.

All in favor.

The motion passes.

5. New Business

5.I. PL2018-0075CUP 46 Woodvale Drive Wetland CUP

The Planning Director gives an update on the Wetland CUP for 46 Woodvale Drive that is currently before the Planning Board. The applicant has submitted revised plans to the Planning Department showing where the proposed drainage trench will be on the property along with better labeling of the proposed buffer area and wetland delineation lines. He also believes that this will be the best plan the commission can hope for at this time. The director answers questions as to whether there will be a precedent set by approving this CUP and he believes that there is not a precedent set because every project has different circumstances. The Director gives a brief explanation of what they have given the Planning Board in their packets for their meetings in relation to this project including a timeline. Lisa M. asks whether he will be fined for the actions he has already done. Evan R. gives a explanation of his interactions with the applicant up until now and says that when he catches someone perpetrating a violation he sends them a letter citing the violation and then meets with the applicant to remedy the issue. What the applicant is doing now is the remedy phase of what was done. Dean A. thinks that the drawings submitted are not labeled thoroughly and clearly enough. The Director thinks that it is labeled clearly enough, the font is just not very big. Dean A. also thinks that the commission needs to stress to the applicant that if they are to do any additional work then they will need a CUP no matter the circumstances. The commission asks Evan R. if he will be performing inspections on this property if it is a granted a CUP and Evan states that it will be added to the list of CUP inspection sites and that he is already inspecting it for erosion controls that the department required the applicant to place. Lisa M. voices that she thinks that it would be a good idea (in relation to this application/situation) to host a workshop about buffers in the City and use certain examples of violations/projects and what the commission response was and why they responded like that. Deb W. has some questions about the slope of the section between the drainage

trench and the retaining wall. The Director answers that it is a slight downslope and that vegetation could be planted on it. The commission has questions about what the applicant will be doing with dirt pulled from the site when he goes to create the 10-foot buffer area if he is granted his CUP. Evan states that the department will not allow him to put it elsewhere on the site and he can choose what to do with it once it is off the site. Some members of the commission state that it might be a good idea to have a vegetated outfall area in front of where the drainage trench daylight to filter the drainage coming out of the trench. The commission also has questions as to whether the applicant could purchase the unclaimed lot that abuts the property and make it contiguous to the current lot. The Director states that he thinks that City would have no issues doing that. The commission compiles a list of recommendations for the Planning Board in relation to the application.

Deb W. makes a motion to not support the Wetland CUP being applied for by Mr. Richard Homsy for 46 Woodvale Avenue and would like to submit additional recommendations in light of new information.

- **Any soil that is dug up for the drainage trench and to allow for the 10-foot buffer shall be removed from the site entirely.**
- **Erosion controls for the project must be inspected and signed off on by the Conservation Technician before any work is to begin.**
- **If any vegetation is to be removed from the site, it will require permission from the Laconia Planning Department before any removal commences.**
- **Vegetation should be planted on the space in between the retaining wall and the drainage trench. A planting schedule will be submitted to the Laconia Planning Department and signed off on by the Conservation Technician before anything is planted.**
- **Silt soxx are to be used and said silt soxx are to be of the variety that vegetation can be pocketed in them when work is done to allow for augmented vegetation growth.**
- **Conservation commission would like to reinforce that even though the applicant is applying for a wetland CUP for relief from the 50-foot wetland buffer in place per the Laconia Zoning Ordinance, the 50-foot buffer still exists despite the wetland CUP. The applicant cannot do any additional work on the property outside of what is being applied for on the current wetland CUP application without applying for another wetland CUP.**

Lisa M. Seconds.

All in favor.

The motion passes

6. Old Business

6.I. Conservation Easement Walks To Be Performed

Lisa M. states that she will do the Eager Island Conservation Easement Walk. Dean A. says that he will do the Harrington Easement Walk with Evan and Guest Wes. The other members will all get back to Evan R. with what walks they can do. Evan R. also says that he can do walks by himself since he has the surveys of all the easements.

7. Other Business

The commission has citizen applying for the open position on the Commission. Evan R. will help them start the process along next week.

8. Liaison And Subcommittee Reports

Lisa M. states that there is a upcoming meeting at 1:00 PM at the Lakes Region Community College for the Lakeshore Park Redevelopment Committee. L. Morin has given flyers for upcoming events related to school lunch and other subjects for Evan R. to add to the LCC section of the website and to submit to the Laconia Links.

Deb W. gives an overview of her conversation with the Assistant LDPW Director about the Eversource project and relation to the boat ramp on Messer St. She would like Evan to contact Eversource and see if they can add a silt sock across the boat ramp to prevent siltation from the parking lot from going into the lake.

8.I. Milfoil Treatment And Finances Update

Evan R. states that all the invoices for work done so far in Paugus Bay have been sent in to NHDES for grant money. Richard Tilton, Milfoil Subcommittee Chairman has also set up a 501C-3 with other businesses on the lake to greater help the City with milfoil management.

9. Staff Report

Evan R. has nothing to report at this time.

10. Adjournment

Lisa M. makes a motion to adjourn.

Deb W. seconds.

All in favor.

The motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 PM.

11. Non-Public Session (According To RSA 91-A:3, II)