

**City of Laconia**  
**Conservation Commission**  
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 6:00 PM  
City Hall in 200B  
*Draft Minutes*

11/6/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Anson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dean Anson, Deb Williams, Lisa Morin, Mike Foote, and Wes Bates (6:35pm).

Absent: Marnie Schulz and Richard Christopher.

Planning Staff: Ashley Ruprecht

Guests: Ken Brunelle, representing the application for 40 Carriage Ln. (7:30pm)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.I. Acceptance Of Minutes From October 2 & 16

L. Morin motioned to accept the minutes from October 2. M. Foote seconds. All voted in favor.

M. Foote motioned to accept the minutes from October 16. Deb W. seconds. All voted in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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

There was no representation from the applicant to discuss the project. M. Foote motioned to table the discussion until the next meeting. D. Williams seconded.

The applicant, Ken Brunelle, arrived at 7:30pm to discuss the proposed project.

K. Brunelle explained that the location of the deck will actually be shifted to the left with stairs coming off the right. There is a "walking path" shown on the map but really the area is just grass. K. Brunelle explained that the backyard is already maintained grass, and that when the lot was approved the wetland setback was 30ft, not the 50ft it is currently, which would prevent him from building the deck and having a maintained backyard.

M. Foote motioned to approve the application. W. Bates seconds. D. Williams suggests that low growing plantings, such as blueberries, are planted along the back edge of the property that abuts the pond. All voted in favor.

A. Ruprecht informed K. Brunelle that he would need to attend the December 3 Planning Board meeting.

5. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

6. OLD BUSINESS

## 6.I. Perley Pond Update

L. Morin stated brush was cut on the property recently. D. Williams added that the property looks pretty barren now that the tree is trimmed and brush is cut.

There is discussion amongst the commission about the potential to transfer ownership back to the Perley family and language in the agreement regarding maintaining the landscaping. A. Ruprecht stated she would look into pulling the deed for the property and past discussions on the topic.

## 6.II. Tributary & Paugus Bay Water Quality Sampling

Chair D. Anson stated Winnisquam Watershed Network would be doing sampling this weekend and he would follow up with A. Ruprecht.

There were no other updates.

## 6.III. State School Property Update

L. Morin went to the last meeting. She stated that there is legislation to get additional funding. There are 3 areas where there are soils that are contaminated and need excavation. There is no answer yet on which buildings would remain and which would be torn down. The next meeting is December 3 at 9am.

## 6.IV. Pickerel Pond Property Update

Chair D. Anson will be visiting the property tomorrow to sample the roofing material and paint on the buildings in order to test it and dispose of it properly.

## 6.V. Cyanobacteria

D. Williams shared that there were some blooms in southern NH but none in Laconia.

## 7. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.I. Milfoil Management

Chair D. Anson discussed NHDES's plan for Paugus and Winnisquam next year, and will check with Susan Perley on any plans for Lake Opechee. Chair D. Anson would like for Rich Tilton, who was running the program, to come to the next meeting and give an update on progress. A. Ruprecht said she would reach out to Rich and invite him.

## 8. STAFF REPORT

A. Ruprecht said she pulled together information regarding the conservation easements in Laconia. L. Morin said she monitored Eager Island in recent years. A. Ruprecht said other than Eager Island, the majority of the records are from 2015. A. Ruprecht will email a list of the conservation easements and form for monitoring to the commission, and a link to the AXISGIS website that shows the properties.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

There is discussion amongst the commission about which NHACC courses they attended on November 2nd.

Chair D. Anson mentioned that he would like the commission to be the lead in the City's recycling. L. Morin mentioned that having a group of students at the transfer station handing out pamphlets to educate the public would be helpful. W. Bates said he would mention it at the high school. Chair D. Anson will discuss the topic further with Wes Anderson from DPW to see how the commission can be more involved.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

L. Morin motioned to adjourn the meeting. W. Bates seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

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