

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES, *draft*
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2012
Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall
41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Attendance:

Members present at the meeting included: Jim Owers; Tracey Boisvert; Christopher Morgan; Chris Kane; Pamela Hunt; Jan McClure; Rick Chormann; Gloria McPherson, City Planner and Rebecca Hebert, Senior Planner, attended the meeting.

C. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00.

1. Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2012, meeting and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

2. Wetlands Bureau:

- a. Correspondence – R. Hebert said that the Commission has received a copy of the Alteration of Terrain approval notice for the New Hampshire Distributors project.
- b. NHDES Expedited Wetlands Permit for property owned by Rhonda McNeal at 469 North State Street – Rhonda McNeal explained the proposed wetland impacts related to the construction of a small weir on her property at 469 North State Street. She said the weir would be built by hand and the overall area of impact would be approximately 500 sq. ft. She would like to slow some of the water that runs across her property to create a ponding effect. The water would be about one foot deep and she would enhance the area with native shrubs and plants to improve wildlife habitat. She explained that the water comes from a seep and runs across her property in a ditch line adjacent to the old railroad bed. The group reviewed the proposed construction details for the small weir. P. Hunt moved to recommend that the NHDES Expedited Wetland Permit be signed; C. Kane seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

3. City Council/Planning Board Action:

R. Hebert explained that the report to the City Council regarding the sale of the Triacca property will be submitted for the December Council meeting. The City Council will set the public hearing for the January 14th meeting.

4. Open Space:

J. Owers moved to enter into a nonpublic session for the discussion of possible land acquisitions in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(d). C. Kane seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Following the discussion, the Commission moved to exit nonpublic session and seal the minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Easement Stewardship/Monitoring:

C. Kane reported that he monitored the Primex conservation easement as part of a New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission training session that he taught on November 3rd. There were no easement violations observed.

The group discussed the list of easements that still need to be monitored this year. R. Hebert offered to email the sample monitoring forms along with a reminder for members to volunteer to monitor an easement this fall.

6. Other Business:

J. McClure said that the Mayor will be appointing a small committee to review the proposed conservation easement at the Gully Hill Road agricultural land.

R. Hebert said that the West End Farm Trail event was well attended and over 100 hikers walked the trail.

The group discussed the restriction on bicycles and horseback riding on the Rossvie Farm trails. These activities are only permitted with written permission from the landowner. J. Owers said that he would like to write a letter to Wayne Ross to request to use a mountain bike on the trail only. The group also discussed the need to revise the parking restrictions at the end of District #5 Road.

R. Chormann said that someone has volunteered to serve on Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee. She has contacted the City Clerk and will hopefully be nominated to the committee soon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Rebecca Hebert, Senior Planner, Secretary pro-tem