

**CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2010**

**City Council Chambers
41 Green Street, Concord, NH**

Attendance:

Members present at the meeting included: Christopher Morgan; Chris Kane; Tracey Boisvert; Pamela Hunt; Jan McClure; Jeff Belanger; and Rebecca Hebert, Planner, also attended the meeting.

C. Morgan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05.

1. Minutes: The group reviewed the minutes of the June meeting. P. Hunt moved to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting; C. Lockwood seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously and the minutes were adopted.

David Mann was present to discuss the trails at Winant Park. He explained that he was concerned about the logging and felt that a trail in the vicinity of the skid path needed some work and should be formalized as one of the City maintained trails. He also mentioned the sidewinder trail, which was built by the mountain bikers as being a nice trail to hike. He said he usually parks at the Unitarian Church and walks in along that trail. He felt the loggers did not respect the trails during the timber salvage and explained that he walks the trails frequently and believes that the park needs to be cared for.

R. Hebert explained that the timbers salvage was necessary to clean up the trees damaged during the wind storm in February. She also said that some of the trees were potentially hazardous to the hikers. The logger used an old skid path, which provided access to the water tower, which was used as the log yard, rather than clearing an area within the park. The YES Team is working with Ron Klemarczyk to make improvements to the lower trail that Mr. Mann mentioned, and also planned to add this trail to the City's trail system. She further explained that the Winant Park property has a number of renegade trails that cross onto private property, and the City would not adopt these trails unless the Commission acquired rights to cross the private property. Mr. Mann offered to help with the maintenance of Winant Park, and R. Hebert offered to meet him in the field to discuss ideas for the lower trail.

2. Wetlands Bureau:

a. Permit by Notification of St. Paul's School for repairs to the Little Turkey Pond Dam and to the Dole Trail Bridge – R. Hebert explained that the permit has been submitted to the DES without the Conservation Commission's signature, because the applicant did not want to wait until after the Commission's meeting to submit the plans. The Commission can review the plans and submit comments to the state if necessary. The work represents only a minor impact to the wetlands. The first is a repair to the dam at the Little Turkey Pond and second is for repairs to the granite stone retaining walls on either side of the Dole Trail Bridge. The Commission did not object to the proposal.

b. Correspondence - R. Hebert reviewed the following correspondence from the NHDES Wetlands Bureau:

- Letter from Interchange Development, LLC to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee regarding the proposed wetland impact off of Whitney Road;
- Letter from Interchange Development, LLC to the Concord Conservation Commission regarding the survival of wetland plants within the proposed constructed wetland off of Whitney Road;
- Notice of Approval for the wetland application of Charles Souther at 580 Mountain Road;
- Notification of Trail Development Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact at St. Paul's School;
- Letter from the NHDES regarding the receipt of an Alteration of Terrain Permit from St. Paul's School for the construction of a parking lot;
- Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities off of Currier Road;
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- Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities off of Route 132;
- Notice of the Reclassification of the Minimum Impact Expedited Reclassification of the permit filed by James Bidwell;
- Notice of Administrative Completeness for the Minimum Impact Agricultural Project at 580 Mountain Road;
- Letter to the NHDES from the City of Concord Director of Real Estate Assessments regarding an incorrect tax identification number on the St. Paul's School Alteration of Terrain Permit; and
- Letter from NHDES to Concord Sand & Gravel Inc. regarding the receipt of the Summary Report for the Supplemental Monitoring Well Installations.

3. Open Space:

C. Lockwood moved to enter into a nonpublic session for the discussion of land acquisitions in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(d). P. Hunt 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.

4. City Council/Planning Board Action

a. Resolution appropriating a sum of \$18,500 from a NHDRED Recreational Trails Program to assist in the development of a trail at Rossvie Farm – R. Hebert reported that the City Council adopted the resolution at their regular meeting in July.

5. Reports:

a. Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee - Wild and Scenic River designation – The Commission discussed the status of the Wild and Scenic River designation. J. McClure suggested bringing this to the September City Council meeting for an informational session.

b. Trails Committee – R. Hebert reported the Trails Committee is working to identify the location of the trails at the Rossvie property and will be meeting at the farm next week. She also said that the YES Team has planned six trail work days in Concord. Last week they worked on the Winant Park and Batchelder Mills trails. Next week they will be extending the trail along the Merrimack River off of West Locke Road to West Portsmouth Street. R. Hebert also mentioned that she has talked with Doug Hicks of the Shaker Road School about restricting access to the City's land off of West Portsmouth Street, and she is looking into the price of installing a wooden guardrail along the edge of Pecker Lane to protect the field. The Commission thought this seemed like a reasonable solution for controlling vehicular traffic.

c. Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee – R. Hebert said she would post a small add in the newspaper requesting volunteers.

d. Forestry – R. Hebert said that the timber salvage has been completed at the Horse Hill lot and Winant Park, but not at the Penacook Lake watershed parcel.

e. Other Business – R. Hebert explained that Ron Klemarczyk has submitted a letter requesting to cross the railroad bed adjacent to Bog Road, on which the City has a recreational trail easement. He is working with Robert and Dorothy Spofford to set up a salvage harvest, and would like to use the existing logging roads which cross the city's easement leading to a log yard on the Richard's property on Bog Road. In his letter he explains that the land is steep, and the logging access would be difficult out to Ferrin Road. He will be holding a \$1000.00 performance bond which could be used to repair any damages to the railroad bed. The Commission agreed to allow the logging access provided it is an allowed use under the terms of the easement. R. Hebert will review the easement prior to notifying R. Klemarczyk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Rebecca W. Hebert

Planner, Secretary pro-tem