

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, 2nd Fl Conference Rm, 41 Green St

Attendees: Mark Coen, Rick Chormann, Councilor Michele Horne, Emily Landry, Tracey Lesser, Vice-Chair Jeff Lewis, Alternate Jim Owers, and Chair Kristine Tardiff

Absent: Katherine Healy

Staff: AnneMarie Skinner, City Planner
Kearsten O'Brien, Senior Planner
Krista Tremblay, Administrative Technician III
Ron Klemarczyk, City Forester

Public: Elizabeth York (92 Carter Hill Rd, Concord)
Jim York (92 Carter Hill Rd, Concord)
Mark York (13 Lamprey Rd, Canterbury)
Maria Dolder (514 South St, Bow)
Andrew Searaikas (134 Portsmouth St, Concord)
Nick Holmes (131 N State St, Concord)
Andy Gould (45 Iron Works Rd, Concord)
Rebecca Ross (District Five Rd, Concord)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tardiff at 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes – Approve meeting minutes from March 12, 2025 and March 27, 2025

Vice-Chair Lewis moved, Member Chormann seconded, to adopt the March 12, 2025, minutes as written. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Landry moved, Member Chormann seconded, to adopt the March 27, 2025, minutes with the addition of Mr. Klemarczyk noted as being in attendance. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

- a. Recommendation on conditional use permit application (PL-CUP-2025-0087) for wetland buffer disturbance at 120 Elm St

Ms. Dolder is an attorney for the applicant. Ms. Dolder stated this is a unique situation. All the buildable area of this lot is in Boscawen. The access and frontage are in Concord. In 2013, there was a subdivision and that's how this lot was created. At that time, the process went through both towns. At the time the developer created a common driveway that was supposed to serve both of the lots. The existing lot already had a house and this lot. They set up a common driveway with an easement. At this point in time what has happened is the lots have been sold.

Tracey Lesser arrived at 7:04 p.m.

At the time of the subdivision the applicant asked for the wrong waiver for the common driveway. The common driveway was approved. However, the City's position is that it can only be used for two

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dwelling units. After subdividing the two lots and before selling them, the owner of the subdivision turned the single family on lot one into a two-family in Boscawen. The driveway currently serves two dwelling units just on that lot. Ms. Dolder stated they own it fee simple, even though there is an easement to cross it. They do not have any rights to expand it or change it. The owner of the particular lot has told her clients they will fight all efforts to use it. In order to use that driveway currently they need waivers and a new conditional use permit. To some extent they need the owner to work with them. As stands today it is a land locked parcel that was created. That parcel has frontage in the City of Concord and can support a driveway. They are trying to get them access on their lot on their owner property. The entire frontage has a wetland that does cross it in order to create a driveway. It will be a residential driveway. It will be large enough to support the number of units approved in Boscawen. It will comply with Concord regulations. In the zoning ordinance there are rules on the buffer to the wetlands and not crossing the wetland itself. The conditional use permit is to disturb the buffer because they are going straight through the wetland. All the applications have been submitted to the state. This is the only access to this lot.

Chair Tardiff said the submitted maps are helpful, but she does not see the wetland impacts which would go to the state.

Mr. Seraikas said that the wetland impact is the red hatch inside of the pink. The wetland flags are marked in red. Mr. Seraikas stated there is 1,200 feet of wetland impact.

Vice-Chair Lewis wanted to know the width of the driveway.

Ms. Dolder stated it is 22 feet wide.

Mr. Seraikas stated the driveway was sized per the City's regulations and that is what is driving the buffer impact.

Chair Tardiff asked about limiting the buffer impacts.

Member Landry stated it seems like no matter where driveway is placed, it goes through the wetlands. In the application, it states that this location provides the least amount of impact.

Ms. Dolder stated they tried to pick the skinniest part. They designed this to maintain hydrological connectivity.

Mr. Seraikas stated when they were putting the permit together they want to look at minimization in the wetlands. Avoidance is not possible. Minimization is driven by the how big the crossing has to be based on the City's regulations. They tried to choose the point on the lot that is the narrowest crossing area. It is sized for a culvert that will maintain the hydrological connectivity for wildlife and water.

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Chair Tardiff asked if Boscawen has already approved it on their end including the wetlands.

Ms. Dolder stated the wetland impact is only on the City side, and Boscawen does not look at that. The use itself has been approved. The clients did get a variance to do what they are doing to do on the Boscawen side for the use.

Member Coen asked if the units are already built.

Ms. Dolder said yes.

Member Coen wanted confirmation that the units need the driveway.

Ms. Dolder confirmed that to be the case.

Member Coen asked how are they going to use it off of Elm St and about the original location.

Ms. Dolder stated there was a common driveway.

Member Coen wanted to know if the driveway is underneath power lines.

Mr. Seraikas stated it is under the utility lines and showed the property line of the applicant.

Member Chormann noted that Boscawen is not looking at wetland impacts and wondered if there are any water quality issues from run off from the driveway, and would like to know the steepness of the slope.

Mr. Seraikas noted it has two-foot contours.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated 8%.

Member Chormann stated his concern is with the run off of salt and sediment on the driveway into the wetland.

Mr. Seraikas stated it is not steep at all.

Chair Tardiff stated that the Conservation Commission needs to decide if they have any comments on the conditional use permit and make a motion for a recommendation.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there are any endangered or threatened species on the site.

Mr. Seraikas stated they had to do the NHB data check. It came back with a couple hits not on the

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property but within a ¼ mile radius. Mr. Seraikas has contacted Fish and Game and they have sent the recommendations. They seem okay with it, and they just wanted to post fliers with the project. There was no change to the design recommended on their behalf.

Chair Tardiff asked if it is a forested wetland.

Mr. Seraikas stated it is a forested wetland and not a stream.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated he has no concerns. Vice-Chair Lewis stated from an initial perspective if commenting on the wetland application it just needs a properly sized culvert. It is not a stream. Vice-Chair Lewis stated he does not know if they are meeting Fish and Game requirements for the habitat that is out there. Vice-Chair Lewis noted he does feel some of Member Chormann's concern for the stormwater management. Vice-Chair Lewis stated most of that is on the other municipal boundary line. Vice-Chair Lewis noted if Boscawen is not going to comment on that, he does not feel it is in the Conservation Commission's purview to enforce anything outside of Concord. Vice-Chair Lewis stated the buffer is pretty standard impact for a buffer crossing if they have to cross the wetland.

Vice-Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend that the Planning Board approve the conditional use permit as submitted. Member Coen seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tardiff noted that, since this is going in for a wetland permit to the state, an additional motion is needed.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated the he has no comments on the wetland application.

Chair Tardiff asked for other comments. Noting none, Chair Tardiff asked for a motion.

Vice-Chair Lewis made a motion that the Conservation Commission has no comments on the wetland application. Member Landry seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider accepting the Trails Subcommittee 2024 Annual Report

Chair Tardiff asked for members of the Conservation Commission to look at the report.

Member Landry pointed out the Marsh Loop Trail is not in the report.

Ms. O'Brien stated a couple were cut off and she will fix the report.

Alternate Member Owers made a motion to approve the Trails Subcommittee 2024 Annual Report. Member Chormann seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

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c. Discuss Site Walks held on March 27, 2025

- The easement next to the old Dimond Rd was the first site walk discussed.

Mr. Owers stated he was not at the site walk. However, he walked it yesterday.

Chair Tardiff asked if anyone on the Conservation Commission that was able to attend the site walk had any comments.

Member Landry stated they walked to where it veers to the right and the surveyor marked the centerline of the old road. Member Landry noted it looked good. The Conservation Commission will discuss putting in a trail in the 16-foot easement to avoid the old roadway. Member Landry noted 16 feet is not all that much, and they need to be clear when they do build a trail as to the location.

Chair Tardiff asked if the easement was mapped based on the surveyor's flags.

Ms. Skinner stated there is no map or paper anything. The surveyor did not provide a plan.

Chair Tardiff asked for the group's assessment, based on the site walk, for placing a trail in the 16-foot easement.

Member Chormann does not think the stone walls are a limitation. There are a couple of old barrow pits with water in them that could be vernal pools or possible wetlands and see that as the only impediment.

Member Landry asked if there has been any communication with the abutters and wanted to know if the abutters were the original grantors of the easement.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated the developer granted the easement.

Alternate Member Owers stated that was required as a part of the subdivision.

Member Landry asked if the developer that granted the easement is no longer the owner.

Alternate Member Owers stated the developer subdivided the land and sold off all of the parcels, noting he is not sure if the developer kept anything in the subdivision or not. Alternate Member Owers stated he can offer some observations but he was not on the site walk. He noted he did take some pictures and thought the survey was useful. Alternate Member Owers noted the portion that abuts the Ross property is only 600 feet.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated it is 800 feet.

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Alternate Member Owers noted the trail tread is already on City property and not sure what needs to be done.

Rebecca Ross stated she was present at the site walk. Ms. Ross noted the stakes were dead center on the trail way and half of them were knocked over. Ms. Ross does not feel it is accurate to characterize that the travel layer of the path is not on her property.

Alternate Member Owers noted where the stake was that some were knocked over but there is a nail in the ground.

Ms. Ross stated that is right dead in the middle. Ms. Ross noted they can go back out and take pictures to dispute them.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated his observation is that people are walking within two feet of the centerline. Mr. Klemarczyk noted that the idea is to pull people off the centerline. Mr. Klemarczyk stated there is not a lot of site work. They would need a surface in the easement to make it attractive for people to pull off the east side of the centerline. Mr. Klemarczyk stated it would require cutting several small trees and two large trees.

Alternate Member Owers asked if that is something the Trails Subcommittee can do.

Mr. Klemarczyk asked if he meant cutting the trees.

Alternate Member Owers stated no, doing what you just described.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated it would have to be the Conservation Commission because it is going to cost about \$7,500.

Chair Tardiff asked about any other impediments aside from some tree removal, and improving the trail within the 16-foot easement.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated there is no stone wall marking the delineation, noting that the surveyor for the developer mapped out the centerline and that is what was flagged based on that other survey.

Chair Tardiff stated they need to discuss next steps and asked if there was any member of the Conservation Commission that was present at the site walk for other observations.

Ms. Ross stated for the public record, rather than paying \$10,000, they are willing to negotiate the use of the continued trail on private property for reasonable terms rather than rerouting a

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trail and spending money on materials.

Member Landry asked for clarification on what was meant by existing trail – the road that is there or separate.

Ms. Ross said the road that the City used to advertise as a trail on their private property.

Chair Tardiff stated they can have a separate conversation about alternatives before they move it forward. Chair Tardiff noted they would want to put together a map and discuss next month the next steps.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked about wetlands.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated right next to the road there is a pit and further north it is wet. It fills up with water in the spring. Mr. Klemarczyk is not sure if that would be considered a vernal pool.

Vice-Chair Lewis wondered if that needed to be assessed.

Mr. Klemarczyk answered yes.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated that should be done now.

Alternate Member Owers asked if it is beyond the trail's curve.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated no, just south of that on the east side.

Mr. Owers asked if it is on Ross' property.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated no, it is on the eastern abutter's property within the easement area. Mr. Klemarczyk stated they would need to get a wetland person or biologist out there.

Vice-Chair Lewis wondered about the impact of building the trail if it is a wetland.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated they would need a permit.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated if this is going to move forward the next step is to get a wetland map. The only issue with that is if it needs to happen within the next 30 days or wait until next year.

Ms. Klemarczyk stated it is man-made. Mr. Klemarczyk asked if he could hire a wetland person and bill for the wetland assessment as part of the FORECO monthly billing.

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Ms. Skinner answered yes.

Chair Tardiff stated they need a motion to approve.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated there is a trail easement and do they want to building the trail there.

Chair Tardiff stated within the 16-foot easement.

Alternate Member Owers stated there is a trail there now and not sure how much improvement needs to be made.

Chair Tardiff stated the problem is there are people not staying on the 16-foot easement side.

Alternate Member Owers stated signage would helpful.

Chair Tardiff noted it is spring and it makes sense to have someone look at that area to make sure it is not impacting the vernal pool. Chair Tardiff suggested for the people that did not make the site visit to go out on their own. Chair Tardiff noted they can circle back month to make a decision. Chair Tardiff noted if they are going to want to make an improvement to the 16-foot easement area, then they will want to reach out to the Trails Subcommittee. Chair Tardiff stated the first step is if the Conservation Commission agrees to have a wetland scientist look at the area and approve having Mr. Klemarczyk do that on his contract so it can be done now.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if can get on draw it up on the survey plan for next month's meeting.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated the stakes are still out there and it is a small area. Mr. Klemarczyk stated Richard D. Bartlett & Associates was the surveyor and would contact them for the wetland scientist.

Alternate Member Owers suggested to do more than just the Ross piece because there are wet areas between Reserve Place and the road.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated they would not be working on that trail. They will only be working on the 16-foot easement.

Chair Tardiff stated they are looking at the 800-foot stretch.

Member Lesser made a motion to hire a wetland scientist to look at the 800-foot area to see if there is a wetland impact and approve Mr. Klemarczyk hiring the wetland scientist through FORECO. Member Coen seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Richards/Spears Loop Trail is the second site walk discussed.

Chair Tardiff asked if there are wetlands issues and next steps.

Mr. Klemarczyk asked staff to display the map on the screen. Mr. Klemarczyk pointed out Spears Park and the power line. The Richards lot and Victoria Lane are just off the map. There is a lot of flat wet area in the Richards piece. There was a trail that came through to tie into the trail network and it was pretty much destroyed by the logging. The Richards want a trail. Mr. Klemarczyk pointed out an area on shallow bedrock soil that had a blow down in 2010 that they salvaged. Mr. Klemarczyk noted it is high dry ground. There is a wet area in a small strip where they can put a 12-foot bridge across or a plank walk. The trail stayed around the boundary and around the edge. Eventually there could be a trail to Victoria Lane. There is a trail that ties into the existing Spears Trail. It is a soft wood cover and there were marking of deer being present. The Unitil transformer station is there.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated this was dropped when the power line work started out there. Vice-Chair Lewis stated the next step was to do the NHB.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated they could contact Fish and Game to have a biologist go out there.

Vice-Chair Lewis noted they do not have a procedure for this. Vice-Chair Lewis stated they need to identify if there are hits out there. If there are not hits out there then he is less concerned about contacting Fish and Game.

Ms. Skinner stated the NHB was done and it expired in June of 2024. Ms. Skinner stated there were no comments at that time. Ms. Skinner will submit another request for a current NHB.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there are no hits do they reach out to Fish and Game. Vice-Chair Lewis stated if there are endangered or threatened species they need to take that into consideration.

Member Lesser stated it is a pretty disturbed area based on the power line and the transformer field. There is no wildlife corridor they are going through for the proposed trail, noting that it looked like deer were sleeping there in the winter.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated that is because of the blow down and harvesting. Deer will not be where it is wet.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated this piece was donated by the family to be designated to be used recreationally and is inclined to move forward. Vice-Chair Lewis stated there was already a

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motion to do so, and this is just resuming the effort.

d. West End Farm Trail connection

Alternate Member Owers point to the map shown at Trails Subcommittee for the bypass required as part of the Woodard settlement agreement. The location of the bypass has been approved and there is a gate that carves where the Ross land and City land is located. Alternate Member Owers is making a proposal and looking for a vote to connect from this point down to Currier Rd, which used to be the old West End Farm Trail. They will move the trail to begin at this point. Then a second trail would continue out on the discontinued portion of the District Five Rd to the Hopkinton town line to meet with Patch Rd. The first part of Patch Rd is a class six road. All of the proposed trail location, with the exception of one small piece, is on City-owned property. Alternate Member Owers stated the first piece is Country Hill, south of that there is an 11-acre parcel, and south of that is an 85-acre parcel. There is a small piece they do not own. The owner of that property has provided a written trail agreement to cross this 180-foot piece. There is a barbed wire fence between their property and the Ross property. The property owner would like a split rail fence. In the February meeting, the Conservation Commission agreed to include an amount in the budget to deal with this West End Farm Trail connection. There are wetland issues and a stream that crosses where it would connect off the old District Five Rd and a lot of that is not in good condition. There would need to be switch backs because of the grade. Alternate Member Owers stated it took a while to get there because they had to buy all the property and get the legal settlement with Ross.

Ms. Ross stated the settlement was with the Woodard, not Ross

Alternate Member Owers stated they were involved with that issue.

Ms. Ross stated the Rosses were not part of the litigation with the Woodards.

Alternate Member Owers corrected himself by stating the Woodards.

Chair Tardiff stated for the area where they would come down through Country Hill there are a lot of wetlands and it would be helpful to get a map.

Alternate Member Owers stated they need to figure a route, noting that the first step on the new trail procedure list is the suggestion for a new trail. They need to take a vote to say this is something they want to proceed with. The next step after that is someone from the Trails Subcommittee volunteers to act as a project manager. Alternate Member Owers stated this will take some work.

Chair Tardiff stated this is one trail project in which the Conservation Commission will want to have close coordination with the Trails Subcommittee, and this is just at the conceptual stage.

Member Coen said the map shows a potential trail route and wondered about extending it west to the

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Hopkinton town line.

Alternate Member Owers stated it would be two separate trails. One would go south and the second trail would go straight out the old District Five Rd.

Member Coen asked if there are two separate projects.

Alternate Member Owers stated there are two separate trails.

Member Coen wondered if one trail had priority over the other.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated by the District Five Rd there is quite a bit of wetland there that would have to be addressed. Mr. Klemarczyk stated the other owners have a right to drive on that. If they are going to put a trail and address the wetland, they will have to move the trail off the District Five Rd because it will involve bridges.

Alternate Member Owers stated right now this is City land.

Chair Tardiff stated Mr. Klemarczyk's point is a good one and to keep in mind for District Five there are portions that are wet.

Member Lesser asked if Alternate Member Owers is proposing this for a walking trail or multi-use with bicycle.

Alternate Member Owers said it will be a multi-use trail just like Swope or Oak Hill.

Member Coen wondered again about priority.

Alternate Member Owers stated that is something the Trails Subcommittee should decide.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated the connectivity of the West End Farm Trail is a priority based on public interest and not sure if Hopkinton is a priority.

Chair Tardiff stated it makes sense to break it up.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated he would propose breaking it up and doing the south one. Vice-Chair Lewis would like to get the West End Farm Trail fixed and then decide if they even want to do the other trail.

Chair Tardiff wondered if in exploring the District Five Rd, do we want to add a trail.

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Alternate Member Owers stated it is all open now.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated the procedure is to task the Trails Subcommittee with this assignment as the first step.

Alternate Member Owers stated he thinks they just need an initial vote to get the Trail Subcommittee started.

Ms. Ross asked to clarify if there is a plan to connect on the southern end to the existing farm trail or if there is a gap.

Alternate Member Owers stated there is no gap.

Ms. Ross asked about money in the budget to resolve the issue and connect

Alternate Member Owers stated at the beaver pond on the corridor 11 trail, which is under water most of the year, is the issue they are talking about.

Ms. Ross asked again about money.

Mr. Klemarczyk stated around \$10,000 was placed in the budget

Alternate Member Owers noted it is getting worse every year.

Member Coen made a motion to move forward to link the north and south. Member Lesser seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tardiff asked if anyone wanted to make a motion on the other piece.

Member Lesser stated it is a big project and to start with the one.

4. Report

a. Trails Subcommittee – Jeff Lewis

- Vice-Chair Lewis stated they are making good progress. They had a conversation about trail blazing at Swope Park. They will review trails plans over next several months. The trail guide and map they are making minor edits to language. The Healy Park Trail is identified as closed for maintenance and they want to make the note larger.

Chair Tardiff asked if they can hashmark the trail to show the difference.

Member Landry asked if there are issues with homeless encampments near trails.

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Vice-Chair Lewis stated this is the biggest one.

Member Landry asked how they have handled it in the past.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated it has been a law enforcement issue.

Ms. Skinner stated it is a City park and Parks and Recreation is handling it.

Councilor Horne stated they allocated money to clean it up.

Chair Tardiff stated it is a Parks and Recreation property, but because there is a trail the trail is on the trail maps.

Ms. Skinner stated Parks and Recreation have full responsibility for the property.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated they do not want to be directing people there. They do not want to promote it, but do not want to take it off the map.

Alternate Member Owers suggested noting the trail as closed for maintenance.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated they want it to be public knowledge that there is a trail.

Chair Tardiff stated for federal highways there are different triggers if they are explaining in a place where there is a public trail. Chair Tardiff suggested a lighter shade and a hashmark.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated the Trails Subcommittee wanted the “closed for maintenance” on the map to be bigger.

- Vice-Chair Lewis stated the Trails Subcommittee discussed adding a proposed location of the boardwalk. There is a new trail along the river and discussion was had on adding the new trail and keeping the old trail. Vice-Chair Lewis stated the map needs to be updated.

Chair Tardiff stated they are not taking care of two trails so, it should be the one trail.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if they want to get rid of the old trail and update with the new trail.

Member Landry stated the new trail goes down and in a little bit.

Member Coen stated going forward it should be the new trail.

Mr. Holmes stated one thought is to leave the existing trail in addition to the paved trail. They

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serve two different purposes. One is a trail that is easy for people with walkers. The other trail gets people closer to the water. Mr. Holmes suggested to leave both trails on the map to give people choices. Mr. Holmes noted it is a low maintenance section and worth keeping.

Member Coen suggested to keep both and reevaluate usage.

Member Chormann stated that people cross from one trail to other and access the river from down the banks. Impacts could increase. If it is limited to the paved trail people will know where to go.

Member Landry does agree and stated it is nice to get close to the water.

Mr. Holmes stated part of the project connects old and new there are stone dust paths.

Member Landry suggested to identify on the map.

Chair Tardiff noted they want people to have access.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated it was presented that they are removing trail and not discontinuing the trail. Vice-Chair Lewis stated to keep one trail on the map and he will report to Fran Philippe, the chair of the Trails Subcommittee.

- Vice-Chair Lewis stated the winter recreation sign from AARP is installed and they are putting together an unveiling.
- Vice-Chair Lewis noted there is another proposed trail that may happen at the corner of Lewis Farm at the end of West End Farm Trail off Silk Farm Rd.

b. Forestry

There was nothing to discuss on this agenda item the report is attached to the agenda.

c. Tree Subcommittee update – Rick Chormann

Member Chormann noted there are tree tags that are going up on eight trees on Main Street with an explanation of ecological services that each of these trees provides in terms of carbon, cooling, and those types of functions. The Tree Champion nominations will be open soon. There will be a tree planting at Blossom Hill.

d. Local River Advisory Committees

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

e. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

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There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

f. City Open Space and Easements

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

g. City Council/Planning Board

- Councilor Horne had a constituent send her an email stating a group is interested in Broken Ground woods from Millbrook to Turtle Pond and over to Loudon on the east being preserved as conservation land. The area is considered the most biodiverse in the state.

Chair Tardiff stated the Conservation Commission owns some land in that area and the Concord School Board owns land in that area.

Ms. Skinner stated if the land is City owned and not in conservation they need to start with the City Manager.

Alternate Member Owers left at 9:01 p.m.

- Councilor Horne noted the Earth Day festivities start at the City's Community Center and she will present. Councilor Horne asked for ideas from the Conservation Commission on what could be presented as Conservation Commission's goals or contributions toward Earth Day.

Chair Tardiff suggested looking at the anniversary report as it is a pretty good overview of the Conservation Commission's accomplishments and goals.

Member Landry stated conservation land covers many things such as carbon sequestration, water quality, wildlife habitat. and scenic values.

Chair Tardiff also noted the easements on farm land.

Vice-Chair Lewis stated the Conservation Commission manages over 80 miles of trails.

- Councilor Horne stated a constituent complained that the Batchelder Trail has vines marked as bittersweet for removal and wondered who incorrectly marked the vines.

Ms. Skinner stated it could have been anyone.

5. Old Business

a. 2025 Quarter 1 Current Use Tax

Chair Tardiff had nothing to report on this agenda item.

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6. Staff updates on items

- Ms. O'Brien there was a request to remove signs and replace signs.

Ms. Skinner stated they wanted permission from the Conservation Commission to move forward.

Member Landry stated there were a number of signs that were incorrect and confusing.

Chair Tardiff did not see anything wrong with the removal and replacement.

- Ms. Skinner provided an update on the appropriation for the forest management plan in that it goes to City Council next Monday and they will set the public hearing for May. Then Mr. Klemarczyk can get started.

Member Landry asked for news on filling the alternate position for Conservation Commission.

Ms. O'Brien stated that Kevin Porter is on the City Council agenda for next month to be appointed as an alternate member.

Adjournment

Member Lesser moved, seconded by Member Landry, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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