

MINUTES TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – SOMERSWORTH, NH

April 9, 2014

Council Chambers – City Hall

6:00 PM

Attending: Imants Millers, Liz Wilson, Dale Smith-Kenyon, Emilee Kenyon, Frank Richardson, Angela Ficco-Orzechowski, Director of Planning and Community Development Dave Sharples

1) WORKSHOP BUSINESS.

- A. Approval of meeting minutes. Dale Smith-Kenyon made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the February 12, 2014. Emilee Kenyon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Presentation by Jeff Barnum of the Conservation Law Foundation titled “The Challenges Facing Great Bay. Jeff Barnum of the Conservation Law Foundation and Geoff Wilson of Northeast Wetlands Restoration presented information on the health of the Piscataqua River watershed, particularly the status of eelgrass and oyster populations. Impacts to these populations in recent decades appear to be from nutrient inputs to the watershed from non-point sources as well as wastewater treatment facilities and agricultural activities. The expansion of fragmites into salt marshes was also presented. Mr. Wilson suggested that Low Impact Development (LID) solutions can be implemented on a local level to slow the impact of impervious surfaces and sources of nutrients into the watershed.

- C. Mast Point Dam Revitalization project. Not discussed due to time constraints.

- D. Any workshop business that may come before the Commission. None.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Wilson (Secretary)