

MINUTES TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING – SOMERSWORTH, NH

August 13, 2014

Council Chambers – City Hall

7:00 PM

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

- 1) Approval of July 9, 2014 meeting minutes pending – Liz was out so they were not available.
- 2) OLD BUSINESS. None.
- 3) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of the NHDES Minimum Impact Expedited Permit Application filed by the City of Somersworth for drainage improvements on property located at Buffumsville Road, Assessor's Map 3, Lots 21 and 22. Joe Ducharme of CMA Engineers, Inc., presented the proposed project which would impact the Salmon Falls River. This drainage improvement project would replace existing drain pipes and a catch basin that have reached their useful lifespan. It would also install a new catch basin in an upland area. The proposed project would improve sediment capture. The proposed location requires a Shore Land Permit by Notification.

Angela Ficco made a motion to approve and sign the minimum impact expedited permit application for this Buffumsville Road project to replace an existing catch basin and drain pipes and install a new catch basin as proposed. Emilee Kenyon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Review of the NHDES Minimum Impact Expedited Permit Application filed by the City of Somersworth for culvert replacement on West High Street. Joe Ducharme of CMA Engineers, Inc., presented the proposed project which would impact an unnamed brook beneath West High Street, just west of Ron-Wyn Drive. The proposed project includes replacing the deteriorated CMP culvert with a PE culvert and resetting the granite headwall at the culvert inlet. The drain pipe from the catch basin will run parallel to the culvert and discharge to a stone apron adjacent to the culvert outlet. This project 250 sq feet of temporary wetland impacts to wetlands and 10 sq feet of permanent impacts. A change to the proposal will be to the effect that if required, stone can be added to the upstream side.

Jeremy Rhodes made a motion to approve and sign the minimum impact expedited permit application for this West High Street culvert project with the additional stone plan change. Angela Ficco seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Ducharme will send out an update with the plan change.

- C. Somersworth Sustainability Committee report. Angela Ficco followed up on Liz Wilson's report that Mr. Fox Composting will present their services during the August meeting. Representatives from schools, businesses, and City staff are invited to hear about the composting services.
- D. Member items and reports. None.

E. Director of Planning and Community Development's report.

1) Dave Sharples previously reported that the federal government is still reviewing applications, including the one for the Mast Point Dam recreation area, but is expected to do so shortly. If funding for the recreation area is granted, funds must be spent by September 30, 2014. There have not been any new updates for this project.

2) Scott Orzechowski was appointed to the Conservation Commission and will be joining starting in October.

3) Dave Sharples is encouraging members to attend trainings for land use boards. He would like everyone to attend at least one. There is funding to pay for these trainings. Contact Tracy Gora regarding the funding. Dave will send out emails informing of upcoming events.

F. Any other new business that may come before the Commission. None

4) WORKSHOP BUSINESS. None

Adjournment. Dale Smith-Kenyon made a motion to adjourn. Emilee Kenyon seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Ficco