MINUTES TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING – SOMERSWORTH, NH

October 8, 2014 Council Chambers – City Hall 7:00 PM
Attending: Liz Wilson, Dale Smith-Kenyon, Angela Ficco-Orzechowski, Frank Richardson, Jeremy Rhodes, Imants Millers, Scott Orzechowski, Director of Planning and Community Development Dave Sharples

1) Approval of July 2014 meeting minutes. Angela Ficco-Orzechowski made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting as amended and the August 2014 minutes. Dale Smith-Kenyon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2) OLD BUSINESS. None.

3) NEW BUSINESS

A. Key Auto Group, on behalf of the Mareld Company, Inc. is seeking a conditional use permit for work within the wetland buffer on property located at 100 Tri City Road
John Lordon (MSC Engineers) and Steve Patterson (Key Auto) presented the proposed project. The applicant is seeking to reuse the existing building on the site as an auto maintenance facility/office space and conduct stormwater system improvements. The site is 5 acres in size and contains 85% impervious surfaces.

Currently, a majority of stormwater generated on the site flows west to east into the adjacent wetlands. Drainage areas include the paved property and the building roof, all of which flow to the wetland via sheet flow or through an outfall that is significantly scoured. A shed, loading dock, and pavement are located within the wetland buffer. Frank Richardson asked when the site was first developed, as more recent regulations would not allow for the development of such extensive impervious surfaces. Mr. Patterson responded that he believed the site was first developed in the 1950s.

The proposed project includes upgrades to the stormwater drainage system, parking and landscaping. Roof runoff will be directed to an infiltration basin, a grassy swale, and the existing outfall will be repaired. Scott Orzechowski asked about the southeast corner of the paved lot, because the land slopes steeply form this location. John Lordon responded that a new outfall would be constructed in this area.

The proposed infiltration basin will be constructed to allow for overflow after a 1inch rain. Liz Wilson asked for clarification of the stormwater drainage areas. The Commission requested a site walk to get a better idea of where stormwater flows and the proposed improvements. The site walk was scheduled for 10/11 at 8am.

B. Somersworth Sustainability Committee report. Liz Wilson reported that the Committee will follow up on actions to be taken as a result of the recycling and composting presentations.

C. Member items and reports. Angela Ficco-Orzechowski recently participated in a forestry workshop in Barrington and suggested that it would be great to have a woodland/forestry workshop at the schools. Frank Richardson remarked that there

are suitable locations for workshops at the high school, Mast Pointe Dam, and nearthe water treatment plant.

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

1) Dave Sharples reported that there will be a watershed event and silent auction for the Southeast Land Trust on October 24, 2014.

2) Dave Sharples reported that the City had received 4 responses to a RFP related to the solar farm. Interviews are scheduled for 10/13.

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

4) WORKSHOP BUSINESS. None

Adjournment. Dale Smith-Kenyon made a motion to adjourn. Liz Wilson seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Wilson (Secretary)