

11/09/2016 Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Angela Ficco
Sarah McGraw
Scott Orzechowski
Miechelle Poulin
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

City Staff/Others Present

Shanna Saunders, Planning Director

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by Scott Orzechowski

1) Old Business

- Current membership in NH Association of Conservation Commissions discussed; provides a benefit of lobbying/legislative action. Cost is \$435/year
- Discussion around renewal of the Commission's membership in the Southeast Land Trust. Benefit provided is primarily indicated as holder for land in trust/easement, secondarily as access to conferences/reference information. Dale moves to disburse \$500 to provide membership; Jeremy seconds. Carries unanimously.

2) New Business

- SWCE Holdings, LLC presented seeking a conditional use permit and site plan approval for a parking lot/equipment storage at 10 Centre Road:
 - Discussion around potential impact on nearby wetlands raised multiple concerns with the submitted plan:
 - 50 year flood score
 - Grading around concrete pad to direct storm flow away from wetland
 - Total impermeable surface at site, and compliance with 10% maximum for wetland compliance
 - Tree count impact, given heavily wooded nature of site.
 - Magnitude of Cut and Fill is not specified
 - Exposure of buffer space plantings
 - Inclusion of non-native species in landscaping plan
 - Sign/Stamp of Wetland Scientist inclusion on plan
 - Snow removal and surface treatment at site
 - Above concerns submitted to representing engineer
 - Jeremy Rhodes moves to table request, with an intent to revisit at next session after address of concerns; Dale Smith-Kenyon seconds. Carried unanimously
 - Site Walk scheduled for 11/19/16 at 9 AM, 10 Centre Road Site.
- Somersworth Sustainability Commission Report – Dale Smith-Kenyon moved to table to next session; Sarah McGraw seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Scott Orzechowski shared material from Southeast Land Trust with the Commission
- Scott and Miechelle discussed map color-coding strategies taught at previous

conference.

- UNH Coop submitted a request for help with collection of forestry data; Commission recommended forwarding to Shanna for potential information.

Jeremy Rhodes moves to adjourn, Dale Smith-Kenyon seconds, carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jeremy Rhodes (Secretary)