

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Degler
Angela Ficco
Larry Hamilton
Mercedes O'Donohue
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Mears

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 6:15 pm. Please note that this meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; all votes will be recorded by roll call as a consequence.

1) Approval of meeting minutes.

Clarification, section D: a meeting is expected to be held prior to cutting, but is not scheduled, and 'as-built' should be in quotes.

Motion to approve as amended A. Ficco, seconded by D. Smith-Kenyon.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0-0

2) Public Comment

None received beyond Sunningdale comments, which will be read at a dedicated meeting

3) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

- A. Wentworth Douglass Hospital, is seeking conditional use permit for a 1-mile long nature trail in the wetland buffer on a property located at 23 Works Way, in the Commercial Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 61 Lot 14B, CUP#08-2019

WDH remains working with DES on this; S. Orzechowski noted that some feedback from WDH would be welcomed regarding the status of their application. City staff is following up with applicant for an update.

J. Rhodes moves to continue the application to our next regular meeting; M. O'Donohue seconds

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0-0

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Purchase of property for Conservation purposes located currently at 93 Coles Pond Road, in the Residential Single Family (R-1) District, Assessor's Map 50 Lots 13 and 13-1
PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment received. The commission discussed the details of the purchase, including the fact that funds for this were provided by a mix of grants and conservation funds; no city budget impact.

- B. NH Association of Conservation Commissions FY2020 Membership

Our membership is up and due for renewal.

- C. D. Smith-Kenyon moves to appropriate \$500 from conservation funds to continue membership for 2021; J. Degler seconds.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0-0

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Wetland encroachment at former well parcel

Code enforcement has confirmed that encroachment was in place; the city is requesting feedback from the commission regarding action. S. Orzechowski notes that this is a DES issue as well; the commission recommends revegetating; plantings to be determined based on cooperative extension or a wetland seed mix (J. Degler to work with M. Mears to recommend), and that DES be notified for possible action.

B. MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

a. Low-Flow Showerheads

The commission has discussed the use of conservation funds to distribute low-flow showerheads to residents in order to reduce consumption in the city. Testing is not yet complete. Price range for showerheads varied from <\$10-\$45; all are <1.8GPM. The commission discussed the prospect of businesses selling either at cost or donating showerheads. M.Mears will check with finance regarding the rules around donations or discounted purchase.

J. Rhodes makes a motion that we appropriate up to \$100 from the conservation fund for purchase of low-flow showerheads for purposes of a pilot distribution to interested members of the community, J.Degler seconds.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0-0

b. Hats

Hats have been ordered and the invoice delivered for payment.

C. Update regarding the property at 53 Coles Pond Road

Discussed above

D. Habitat restoration at Sunningdale easement

A separate public comment will be scheduled; comments will be taken prior to the session. All prior comments, as well as any received prior to that session, will be read in at that session.

NRCS contact made; they have reviewed the property with Fish and Game and Cooperative extension; they intend to leave some trees, but the extent of their cutting isn't yet known. ATV encroachment was followed up on. M. Mears, M. Bobinski, and R. Belmore will set, and will contact Wal-Mart regarding access.

E. Any other old business that may come before the Commission

J. Rhodes stated that developer compliance with recommendations from the committee, particularly those regarding landscape plan changes, has been poor. Although the Planning Board has ensured that these changes are made at that point, developers should be notified that their diligence in making changes would be appreciated, and that he intends to inform developers of this as they present to the commission. M. Mears will also discuss this with them at the time of application.

6) Treasurer's Report

As of September 30 2020, the commission held \$141,284.45, all changes due to interest received of \$7.31. As of October 31, we held \$141,291.76.

J. Rhodes moves to adjourn, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary