

Somersworth Conservation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 8 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Ficco
Sarah Childs
Kevin Dodds
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Degler

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Mears

The meeting was called to order by S. Orzechowski at 6:06 pm.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Notes/Corrections:

- Correspondence: Sheilah should have an h
- C.i: should refer to 'iNaturalist'

D. Smith-Kenyon moves to approve, S. Childs seconds. Motion Carries 5-0-1 (A. Ficco)

2. Public Comment

None at this meeting.

3. New Business

As the applicant has not yet arrived, A. Ficco moves that we address this item at end of meeting. J. Rhodes seconds, motion carries 6-0-0

- A. Northam Survey LLC, is seeking a conditional use permit to allow a two-lot subdivision and new single-family home within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer district for a property located at 181 Green Street, in the Residential Single Family (R1) District, Assessor's Map 08 Lot 86, CUP#07-2022

Eric Salvage presents for the applicant. The request is to construct in the 100-150' buffer from delineated wetland on the property. City water and sewer are on site and will be connected to. The plan has been to SRTC and ZBA with favorable results. The shed and barn are existing; the wetland on site was delineated on 4/11/22. The house covers approximately 50% of the existing pavement; all pavement under the house platform and inside the buffer will be removed. There is lawn present on the current site to the treeline, and the area of removed pavement will be seeded. This would decrease sheet flow to the wetland. Tree removal would be minimal.

J Rhodes moves that the CUP be referred to the Planning Board with a recommendation to approve with the following conditions:

- All development to remain outside the 100' bufferline
- All pavement behind the home site to be removed
- Tree cutting be held to a minimum – only that necessary for construction
- Use of chemicals/fertilizers on lawn be minimized.

B. Ficco seconds; motion carries 6-0-0

C. Any correspondence

D. Smith-Kenyon responded to Sheilah Swallow regarding her prior correspondence; she and S. Childs will check in on the invasives on a 6/15 visit.

Liz Durfee wrote to the commission regarding a resilience building survey; she requests help in distributing and in collecting responses from the commission. This survey will be available until 6/30/2022; S. Orzechowski will forward for distribution.

D. Any new business to come before the Commission

J. Wilcox contacted the city regarding an electrical vehicle charging workshop; the grant toolkit was raised. There are multiple options under consideration, and several other communities, including Dover and Portsmouth, are working on ordinances. This is a planning board and council matter.

4. **Old Business**

A. Easement monitoring

Sites up for monitoring are Sunningdale (planned for 6/10) and Lenox (6/18). Owners will be contacted.

B. Any Correspondence

The SRPC will hold a sustainability roundtable (online) on 6/20/2022, 9-10:30 AM.

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

i. Lily Pond wildlife management plan

No update at this time.

ii. Invasives plan sub-committee report

Sunningdale will be checked prior to the next meeting.

iii. Exploration of potential trail project at Malley Farm

Flags discussed at last meeting were confirmed to be from a road race.

iv. Community Wildlife Habitat Publicity

Submitted in May newsletter; will set as a standing item for visibility and add new content.

v. iNaturalist Project Publicity

No update at this time.

vi. Culvert Assessment

K. Dodds and D. Smith-Kenyon are looking at this item. Will be first priority for assessment. Contact will be made with Mike Bobinsky to obtain culvert list.

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

None at this time.

5. Treasurer's Report

No report at this session.

J. Rhodes moves to adjourn, A. Ficco seconds. Approved 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary