

# 03/29/2017 Conservation Commission Minutes

## Attendees

Sarah McGraw  
Scott Orzechowski  
Michelle Poulin  
Jeremy Rhodes

## City Staff/Others Present

Shanna Saunders, Planning Director

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Scott Orzechowski

### 1) Workshop Business

- Forest Survey: Date moved to April.
- Mast Pt. Plantings: Middle School class intends to plant at the site to control erosion. Shanna will determine type of plantings and site. Concerns around work near river and possible damage due to untrained crew.
- NRI Payments: Per Shanna, payment is complete. Due to matching funds from Mast Pt project, final cash payout from Commission funds came to \$1800. The grant is closed.
- Sunningdale ATV Damage: Abutters' notice raised. Joe Falzone had offered to block out the trails with boulders from the site. May also need signage. The signs would fall to either the Commission or Mr. Falzone depending on timing of easement finalization. On completion of the handoff of the conservation land, the city will need to take control, but until that point this is a developer responsibility. Mr. Falzone has been actively involved in insuring the protection of the land.
- Trail Mapping: Southeast Regional Land Trust Long-Term project; involves the tracking of trails throughout the region. SRTC may need/want our assistance in tracking instances inside Somersworth. No action needed at this time, but keep watch for future requests.
- Flood Plain Map Updates: HEC-FEMA is updating flood maps in the region. They've provided notice that the work is underway, and that these may be useful for our work. No action required at this time.
- Wetland Buffer Ordinance: Request from Councilor Sprague is to use Rochester model; a 50 ft buffer and permitting lawns to go to 25 ft on existing. This would likely go to committee if proposed. Scott states that we could potentially propose an alternate Ordinance, assuming support from Mayor Hilliard. Wording discussed, with an aim to protect to a greater degree for both environmental and public use (hunting/fishing/recreational use). Commission agrees to provide notes to Shanna by Thursday March 30 to provide alternate to Mayor.

Jeremy Rhodes moves to adjourn, Sarah McGraw seconds, carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jeremy Rhodes (Secretary)