

**SOMERSWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 13, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah McGraw

STAFF PRESENT: Shanna B. Saunders, Director of Planning and Community Development.

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 7:01 p.m.

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes
Conservation Meeting minutes of January 9, 2018

D Smith-Kenyon moves to accept with corrections, A. Ficco seconds, unanimous

- 2) Public Comment

No Public Comments

- 3) New Business

- A) MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

L. Hamilton notes Bio-Blitz; application due by 3/15. S Orzechowski has worked towards applying for assistance with ongoing Inventory.

A. Ficco did some vegetation surveying at Malley Farm, and noted some significant expected growth.

- B) Japanese knotweed control at Idlehurst School and Malley Farm

Knotweed noted at both Idlehurst and Malley Farm; the Idlehurst patch is roughly 12x12 feet, and the Malley patch is 8x8 feet. These are invasive, highly aggressive plants, that should be reported and removed if possible.

- 4) Old Business

- A) MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

A. Ficco discussed the story walk; United Way is looking at funding installation at Millennial Park. Total cost is expected to be \$5980.80. United Way's involvement will extend to maintenance as well.

- B) Update regarding the property at Coles Pond Road

Finance Committee recommended this to City Council; they'll vote on the grant application, which is being currently worked. DES Drinking Water grant is due in the fall. Assuming approval, the next step will be to work with the City Manager to assemble a proposal.

The realtor is looking for a timeline; we'll be looking to meet with the City Manager within the next week to discuss.

C) Signage for Frank Richardson Trail
. Saunders will follow up.

D) Rubbish Removal from Malley Farm
On hold for winter.

E) Vehicular/Hunting Signage at City Parks
On hold for winter

F) Other Member Items/Subcommittee Reports

L. Hamilton and S. Saunders will plan to attend Clean Water workshop.

S. Saunders reports that the 100' buffer and Prime Wetlands are both looking probable for approval during this session. Both are supported by both the state associations for planners and conservation commissions. She also distributed the Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative Plan, and clearing up to the line at Willand Pond, but not within the wetland area proper.

It was noted that Mayor Hilliard stated the city's desire to conserve more land in the City as part of his latest statement.

Motion: D Smith-Kenyon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Ficco.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary