

**SOMERSWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Hamilton, Scott Orzechowski, Angela Ficco, Mercedes O'Donohue, Sarah McGraw, Jeremy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dale Smith-Kenyon

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

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 7:05 p.m.

1) Approval of meeting minutes

Conservation Meeting minutes May 8 2019 (Regular)

Corrections noted: pg 2: Clarify that the 'we' referred to in section 3B is the Conservation Commission

L. Hamilton moves to accept, A. Ficco seconds; Unanimously Approved

2) Public Comment

No Public Comments

3) New Business

Michael and Lorraine Bobinsky are seeking a Conditional Use Permit to construct an 8'x18' porch within the 100' No Disturb Wetland Buffer on a property located at 7 Firefly Circle, in the Residential Single Family (R1) District, Assessor's Map 20 Lot 05-13, CUP #02-2019

Applicant M. Bobinsky presented to the Commission, noting that they wanted to install the structure primarily to observe the wildlife present in the conserved section of the Sunningdale development. In response to questions from S. Orzechowski, applicant stated that the grade of the impacted area is gentle, and that the only gutter on the home is over the sunroom (with no plans to add more) and that the roof runoff is managed by passive measures such as gravel beds. No trees would be impacted by the proposed addition.

A. Ficco moved to recommend approval of the requested permit to the Planning Board; L Hamilton seconded. Recommendation passed unanimously.

4) New Business

None

5) Old Business

A) Member Items, Sub-Committee Items and Reports

None

B) Update Regarding 53 Coles Pond Road Property

L Hamilton and S Saunders are working on the grant eligibility application (pre-application). This is a comparatively simple component, due at the end of June 2019. The

purchase price listed is a high-side estimate, and is unlikely to raise concern; we are considerably smaller than some other known applicants. S Saunders is working on drafting access documents, which is the next step towards survey and appraisal. The landowner's representative is *extremely* interested in moving forward, and is actively engaged with city staff to that end.

C) Signage for Frank Richardson Trail

Staff seeking proposal for sign material and design. The committee recommended a metallic sign similar to the one at the community garden, containing the defined memorial text and the city seal, with a brown background and cream/off-white lettering. Staff will seek a quote for the proposed sign and respond back to the committee in July 2019.

D) "No Hunting" Signage in City Parks

More signs are ready; DPW can place them if we mark locations. We'll hold a site walk for the locations, starting with Malley farm, at 9AM June 22 2019.

E) Malley Farm Cottontail Habitat

Meeting scheduled with City Staff, Fish & Game, and UNH Cooperative Extension to hold a release. No cost to the city, either for the release or for support, would be assumed.

F) Japanese Knotweed Control

S Orzechowski will discuss with City Manager; J Rhodes will discuss with other members of the Planning Board to get language encouraging or mandating control in place. Additional patches have been detected near the Noble Pines Ballfields.

G) Any Other Member/Sub-Committee Reports

S Orzechowski and A Ficco attended easement monitoring training with UNH Cooperative Extension. Noted need to cooperate with landowners in seeking monitoring, and that easements, particularly poorly worded ones, can be updated with state approval.

H) Any Other Old Business That May Come Before the Commission

Individual involved with the previously reported wetland disturbance on Willand Drive is currently seeking a CUP, while also stating that they believe their actions were within previously granted permits. Work with the owners is proceeding, with city staff leading.

SRTC has received submissions to construct an RV showroom/dealership on Rt 108, with some wetland impact associated.

6) Treasurer's Report

Current balance in our account is \$127,635.14.

Motion: A. Ficco moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L Hamiton. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary