

**SOMERSWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2019**

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

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 7:03 p.m.

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes
Conservation Meeting minutes May 8 2019 (Regular)
Corrections noted: Strike 'Extremely' from Section B
A. Ficco moves to accept, L. Hamilton seconds; Unanimously Approved (D. Smith-Kenyon abstains)

- 2) Public Comment

No Public Comments

- 3) New Business

TTAD Real Estate, LLC (Ocean Breeze LLC) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for site grading and stormwater management impacting 10,500 sq. ft. (50%) of the woodland buffer on a property located at 355 Rt 108 in the Commercial/Industrial (C/I) district, Assessor's Map 48 Lot 24A, CUP#03-2019.

Applicant's Engineer presented the project; the CUP regards buffer work only for regrading; no mechanical work will be performed on site.

Concerns raised regarding substantial recontouring of the site and flow to headwater of city stream. Sheet runoff would be reduced by approximately 20% under the proposed plan.

Plantings as submitted include no shrubs/non-grass mix in the buffer.

Fill may be required on the site; type would not be specified.

The property was cleared 3-4 years ago; vegetation in place is largely pioneer species as would be expected for this timeframe. Submitted plan would remove this as a consequence of recontouring and replace as displayed. Only substantial cutting would be removal of some mature pines as noted.

Suggested to table until a complete plan set was submitted, as we currently lack a full landscape plan including shrub plantings and native plantings in disturbed areas.

J Rhodes moves to table until complete plans are submitted, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds, unanimously tabled.

4) New Business

D. Smith-Kenyon attends SRTC in an advisory capacity currently. She's seeking to have status changed to full membership. A letter to the Mayor and City Manager is required requesting reappointment.

L Hamilton moves that we submit this request; J Rhodes seconds. Unanimously approved, with S Orzechowski suggesting that D. Smith-Kenyon draft the letter.

5) Old Business

A) Member Items, Sub-Committee Items and Reports

None

B) Update Regarding 53 Coles Pond Road Property

The property owner, owner's representatives, S Orzechowski, and S McGraw met.

Two out of three appraisal quotes have been received. One is \$700, other is significantly greater. The lower quote would appear to meet our needs.

Preapplication has been submitted for the groundwater grant and been deemed complete. This threshold criteria was determined July 18; eligibility for full grant will be determined in September.

C) Signage for Frank Richardson Trail

Anticipate Update at August meeting

D) "No Hunting" Signage in City Parks

A. Ficco, S McGraw, and S Orzechowski placed signs and marked for posts; we need approximately 8 more signs. S Saunders will get another pack to place.

E) Malley Farm Cottontail Habitat

Meeting with NH Fish & Game has been held. UNH Cooperative Extension checked the property; land is ready for release. State will handle release and monitoring. Rabbits are collared for easier monitoring. City Manager has agreed to take this to Council; releases are typically done Autumn.

F) Japanese Knotweed Control

Research is ongoing.

G) Any Other Member/Sub-Committee Reports

None

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

None

6) Treasurer's Report

Expect update at August meeting

Motion: D. Smith-Kenyon moved to adjourn; J Rhodes seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary