

Conservation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: None

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 6:06 pm. Please note that this meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; all votes will be recorded by roll call as a consequence.

1) Approval of meeting minutes.

Motion to approve as written D. Smith-Kenyon, seconded by J. Degler.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0

2) Public Comment

No Public comments

3) CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

A. Wentworth Douglass Hospital, is seeking conditional use permit for a 1-mile long nature trail in the wetland buffer on a property located at 23 Works Way, in the Commercial Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 61 Lot 14B, CUP#08-2019

No representative of Wentworth-Douglass is present, and no further correspondence has been received.

Motion to table until the September regular meeting by J. Rhodes, seconded by
Seconded by L. Hamilton

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Forget Management, LLC is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to expand existing parking/vehicle storage areas with new disturbance to the woodland buffer for a property located at 285 Route 108 in the Commercial/Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 47 Lot 08, CUP#04-2020**

Customer's representative, **Bob Stowell** of Tritech Engineering was remotely in attendance to present the application.

Stowell stated this is an expansion to add additional parking/display space to the Nissan dealership which will require both permeable and impermeable incursion into the wooded buffer, as well as additional building space outside of the buffer space. Improved attenuation is in plan to deal with the increased runoff from this pavement in the form of bioretainment to improve the stormwater retention and treatment. This improves the design of the site from a 10 year to 50 year storm standard. The proposed work adds 5000 sqft of non-impervious impact and 4150 sqft of impervious buffer. No wetland was disturbed in the original 2003 construction, although buffer was impacted. Stream on site drains to Tates Brook and eventually to Salmon Falls River. Berm at wetland retention is approximately 5.5 ft. Silt fencing will be in place at the limits of work. Snow storage would be in place near the dumpster and directly into bioretainment 1. The applicants also own an abutting lot that has substantial wetland presence.

Motion made to accept the plan, including presented material in the session, and landscaping to meet city standards, and recommend approval conditional pending formal filing of presented material of the CUP by A. Ficco, seconded by D. Smith-Kenyon.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0

- B. Any new business that may come before the Commission.**

D. Smith-Kenyon notes that she's not permitted to attend SRTC as an advisor; City Council will need to approve a full membership.

Motion made to request that city council approve a continuing post on the SRTC from Conservation Commission by A. Ficco, seconded by D. Smith-Kenyon.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 7-0

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

A. New England cottontail program update

No news to report.

B. Sunningdale NRCS Easement.

Scott will follow up with NRCS (Tracy). NRCS plan includes removal of larger trees but maintains undergrowth; only requirement is that SRTC and SRPC have access to the site. ATV use will not violate the easement but easement does restrict it; this is part of the owners' easement. Recommend work with Walmart to block use. No baselining or count is required. Noxious weed removal is part of the easement. Once restoration is complete, SRTC will monitor annually, with a relaxation of monitoring at 5 years. Site Walks and city monitoring is not required, but SRTC would appreciate any walks being forwarded to them. We will need to maintain a trail, but intermittent flooding does take place. M. O'Donohue and L. Hamilton will follow up with M. Bobinsky. Hunting would be allowed at the discretion of the city; we may want to consider preventing this due to proximity to the development. This is a return to the original state of the site. There will be a Conservation Commission meeting prior to this work to allow the public to comment. City obligations are less than originally perceived.

C. Frank Richardson trail sign at Mast Point Dam

Scott will follow up with Mike Bobinsky regarding this.

D. Wetland encroachment at former well parcel

Scott will contact Bob Belmore to follow up on this.

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

None

F. Update regarding the property at 53 Coles Pond Road

No news to this point; Scott will contact Norway Plains regarding this.

G. Any other member and sub-committee items and reports

None

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

None

I. Treasurer's Report

L. Hamilton reports that the account contains \$146,984.00 as of August 10 2020, an increase of approximately \$200 since May due to interest. Rates have substantially

declined during this period. All Coles Pond information has not transferred to the Treasurer; Bob Belmore is the acting planner, and Shanna is reachable as of 8/17. Scott will facilitate a meeting regarding this, to include Bob and Shanna.

A. Ficco moves to adjourn, J. Rhodes seconds

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary