

Somersworth Conservation Commission Meeting 3/9/2016

Called to order at 1910 by Frank Richardson, Chairman. Also present: Imants Millers, Vice Chair, Meme Poulin, Dale Smith-Kenyon, Angela Ficco, Scott Orzechowski, and Bob Belmore, City Manager/ Acting City Planner. Absent: Jeremy Rhodes. 1) Approval of meeting minutes.

Minutes of last meeting, 8/ 12/15 reviewed. Approved w/ Scott making motion to do so, seconded by Dale.

2) Old Business

Resigned since last meeting: Emilee Kenyon as she moved out of the city.

3) New Business

Bob advised committee that new Planning Director hired, to start 4/2016. Her name is Shana Saunders.

a) GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc Presentation and discussion with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc regarding a portion of the land that will be in a conservation easement on Stackpole Road, in the Residential Single Family (R1) District, Assessor's Map 20, Lot 05. Presentation made by Tracie Tan of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. She reviewed area of conservation, identified as 97 acres on western side of property, called Lot B. Reviewed natural resources, wildlife spotted, and potential passive recreation uses. 52% of the area is one of highest ranking resources in the state. Easement would reserve rights in perpetuity. More control and citizen access if owned by city rather than property owners of development. Brooke Smart from NRCS present. NRCS would be easement holder and looking for city to buy the land. NRCS would be on sight for 2 yrs then on sight every 5 yrs. Would do "fly over" monitoring intermittently. If any changes, unexpected alterations, would do more detailed assessment/ Bob Belmore voiced concern that city would be losing valuable tax revenue if city bought the parcel. Joe Falzone, owner, reports land in current use and only taxed for \$400. Frank advised City Council will need to authorize purchase. He will attend the Council meeting to address any concerns council may have. Motion made by Dale Smith-Kenyon to support acquisition of said 97 acres, lot B of Assessor's Map 20, lot 05 for conservation with warranty easement deeded to NRCS in perpetuity. Seconded by Scott Orzechowski. Motioned carried unanimously.

b) Michael Davis seeking conditional use permit for work within the wetland buffer on property located at 433 Route 108, in the Commercial Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 3B, CUP#01-2016. Neil Rapoza from Civil Consultants, representing Sumner Printing. Neil reviewed plan, including adding 10,000sf storage building, required changes to storm drainage plan to compensate for location of building, improvements in traffic flow. Motion made by Scott Orzechowski to approve plan as written. Seconded by Dale Smith-Kenyon. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Election of officers. Proposed: Frank Richardson, Chair; Scott Orzechowski, Vice Chair; Jeremy Rhodes, Secretary; Dale Smith-Kenyon, Treasurer. Motion made by Dale Smith-Kenyon to accept slate of officers, seconded by Scott Orzechowski. Motion carried unanimously.

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d) Somersworth Sustainability Report:

Scott Orzechowski, Chair, reports resumed meetings effective 11/15. Meetings are the 3rd Thurs of the month at 1800. Members needed. Reviewed plans to prioritize issues, including data collection for most important concerns to citizens, proposed changes to increase membership, change verbiage to include issues r/t climate change and impacts on local level (e.g. flood control, heating/ cooling).

e) Member items:

Angela Ficco reports going to workshop in Alton "Saving Special Places" 4/9/16 0800-1345. Welcomes company. Cost is \$60 prior to 4/1/16; \$75 after that.

f) Any additional new business:

With Imants Millers leaving, Commission will no longer have representation on Site Review Technical committee. Meets the 1st Thurs of month at 1030. Discussed role of committee, and membership of same. Information pertinent to Conservation Commission role is made available outside of the meetings. Frank reports Conservation Commission representation not required on site review committee. Motion made by Imants Millers to no longer have Conservation Commission representative on Site Review Technical Committee. Seconded by Angela Ficco. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop meeting prior to regular meeting with issues pertaining to workshop reviewed at that time.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dale Smith-Kenyon. Seconded by Angela Ficco. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2004.

Respectfully submitted, Dale A Smith-Kenyon.