

08/09/2017 Conservation Commission Minutes

Attendees

Angela Ficco
Sarah McGraw
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

City Staff/Others Present

Shanna Saunders, Planning Director

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM by Scott Orzechowski

1) Old Business

- Dale raises naming the trails at Mast Point to honor Frank Richardson; Shanna will discuss with City Manager Belmore and update in September

2) New Business

- Review of septic design proposed for property at 31 Cole's Pond Road; review requested by ZBA. Discussion centered around lack of background in septic system design/risks within group.
 - Jeremy Rhodes moves to conditionally approve pending forward and approval of NHDES. Dalee Smith-Kenyon seconds; carries unanimously.
 - Noting need for greater expertise in this area, Dale requests an in-service training on septic design.
- Election of officers
 - Slate Proposed:
 - Scott Orzechowski, Chair
 - Sarah McGraw, Treasurer
 - Dale Smith-Kenyon, Vice-Chair
 - Jeremy Rhodes, Secretary
 - Dale Smith-Kenyon moves to accept slate as proposed; Jeremy Rhodes seconds. Carries unanimously
- Somersworth Sustainability Committee – did not meet, no report.
- Riparian/Wetlands Buffer Ordinance Rewrite – Shanna will meet with City Manager/Mayor to move forward. If referred to City council, recommendation that commission attend.
- Member Items/Reports
 - SELT Report circulated
 - DES Newsletter circulated
 - Brownfields (Bretton Cleaners) ; Building to be demolished this fall, soil still under consideration.
 - DES Minigrants – Encourage application for police station. Oil tank in cellar bunkered; this makes it count as underground. Contains PCBs, paint, drums of material, fluorescent ballasts. Eye towards salability.

- Landfill Solar Plant – holdup at this point is poor subdivision/title.
- Red Grate on Blackwater Rd – purpose questioned. Shanna will look into it.
- Trails Session – City Rec Manager will attend, and will present to group at next session.
- Berwick Cleanup/park work – long term look to connect with our riverwalk.
- Salmon Falls 'Success Safari' is coming up; will discuss as approaching.
- Water Testing equipment is in budget for next year.

Dale Smith-Kenyon moves to adjourn, Jeremy Rhodes seconds, carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jeremy Rhodes (Secretary)