



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Minutes for September 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Rindge Town Office**

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Fred Rogers

Alternate members present: William Preston, Deni Dickler, Rob, Rubendall, Fred Dodge

Other attendees/participants: Judy Unger-Clark, Nathan Chamberlin, Kirk Stenersen

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ZBA Case 1176 Special Exception for Navian Development – Nathan Chamberlin displayed and explained a revised plan dated 08/20/2021 that included changes and upsized culverts and how water drained to wetlands. He reviewed the use of catch basins, culvert sizes and how each drained and affected wetlands. Roads were not changed but the plans were significantly changed in a positive way. It should be noted that the runoff discharges are at least 50ft away from any wetlands per Rindge ordinance, which was the issue with the original plan. The final grading in the setback appears to be reasonable and the impact is considered part of the Special Exception application. Mellor motioned and Lefebvre seconded that since discharges met setback requirements and tree removals had been reduced that the Commission not object to special exceptions for this development. Alternate members Preston and Dodge were designated to vote on the motion in the absence of two Commission members. The Commission voted and approved the motion.
- Miriam Hunt Memorial Forest tour – Sept 19 – Rogers will lead the tour. Dickler brought up walk/tour of Schoolhouse Park and that was scheduled for October 17 with Mellor leading.
- Farmer's Market – Sept 16 and Oct 7, need volunteers – Dickler – Lefebvre volunteered for Sept. 16. Oct 7 volunteers will be decided at next Commission meeting.
- Wetland Ordinance update – Dickler – This item was postponed to the next Commission meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Review of the revised King's Way roadway plans at Map 6, Lot 73 – Kirk Stenersen for Rodney & Shawn Seppala. Stenersen reviewed the revised plan for the project dated 09/09/21 for King's Way including all of the crossings and how each affects drainage into wetlands. The plan was a substantial improvement over the previous submission. There were concerns with stormwater gravel wetland #22, which had ledge 4 feet below the surface that minimally impacted wetlands. Based on the revised plans, the Commission is going to ask the Board of Adjustment to table the Commission's appeal subject to the Planning Board's (PB) acceptance of the new plan. Stormwater gravel wetland #22 still has work in the buffer not related to a roadway in the buffer, but the Commission feels it is reasonable due to conditions of the site. The RCC will ask that the revised plan be accepted by the PB and that the PB and RCC meet at some point to discuss clarity of the ordinance. The Commission and Stenersen discussed various options to proceed with the case. As a result of that discussion, Mellor motioned and Preston seconded to request that the Planning Board table the Commission's previous appeal of the Board's approval for ninety days and to

accept the revised King's Way plan which could then move forward through the approval process. During that time, stormwater gravel wetland #22 will be further reviewed to make it more conforming. Alternates Rubendall and Preston were designated to vote on this motion in the absence of two Commission members. The Commission then voted on the motion and all approved.

- Student Conservation Association NH Conservation Corps – Drouin reviewed the email that was received about this service. The Commission decided to wait until the purchase of Rindge Stone & Gravel is settled and more plans are developed for its use.
- Lefebvre recommended motions for Conservation Fund expenditures for the following:
  - \$50.00 for Little Stitches Embroidery for 5 orange conservation hats. Motion by Drouin to approve and seconded by Mellor. All approved.
  - \$5994.50 for New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. for Rindge Stone & Gravel work. This expenditure was previously approved as part of the full survey estimate.
  - \$1445.00 for Ecosystem Management Consultants for June 4 – Sept. 6, 2021 consulting work for Rindge Stone & Gravel. Mellor motioned and Rogers seconded. All approved.
  - \$1320 for BCM Environmental & Law, PLLC for legal advice on wetlands. Preston motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the expenditure. All approved the motion.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes, August 26, 2021

Mellor motioned and Preston seconded to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2021. Changes to those minutes were made after which the Commission voted and approved the motion with changes with Rogers, Rubendall and Ford abstaining.

#### **Announcements**

- Tetreault Park Open House with Recreation Committee about the Natural Playscape moved to October 9
- Preston mentioned the CNBRLAC is conducting a review of their master plan and preparing a grant to support the review. The Commission approved Preston writing a letter of support from the Commission for the grant proposal.

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICES –**

- NH DES Wetlands Permit-by-Notification, 130 Red Gate Lane, Tina Vailancourt – waterfront retaining wall at 130 Red Gate Lane – Drouin reviewed the notice with the Commission.
- NH DES 2021-02751, Map 7 Lot 63, Seasonal Dock Notification, 43 Cutter Hill Rd., Jonathan J Caruna. Drouin reviewed the notice with the Commission

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Budget Report – August 31, 2021 not reviewed

**NEXT MEETING:** September 23, 2021

**Schedule of 2021 Meetings:** Oct. 11 & 28, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

*Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm*

*Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*