

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of June 28, 2017

Approved July 26, 2017

Members Present:

Mike Dionne	Merry Lineweber	Kevin Sullivan	Jack Hackett
Mark Jennings	Michael Kirwan	Sheila Lulek	Keith Johnson

Members Absent: Barbara Soley

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:30pm and appointed alternate member Mr. Johnson to vote in place of Ms. Soley.

1. New Business: Presentation by Rochester High School Environmental Science student(s) regarding stream testing data.

Student Owen Price and teacher Darren Scopel gave a PowerPoint presentation about the water quality of Hurd Brook, Willow Brook, and an unnamed brook.

2. Dredge and Fill Application/Wetland Permit Application:

a) Dry Hill Rd (Public Road Right Of Way): City of Rochester Department of Public Works' proposed wetland impacts related to culvert replacement under Dry Hill Rd.

Staff member Mr. Creighton introduced the proposal and explained to the Commission that he had instructed DPW staff need to be present tonight. The Commission discussed the application and Mr. Hackett motioned to conditionally signoff on this application and asked staff to forward their comments to NH DES, Mr. Sullivan seconded, all voted in favor.

The Commission requested that NH DES require:

- 1) That natural streambed stones be placed on the inside surface of the bottom of the new culvert (to replicate a natural stream bed); and,
- 2) That the large rock which exists in the middle of the stream immediately downstream of the crossing be reset in the approximate same location post construction (this rock is visible in the photo included in the application).

b) Waste Management, Rochester Neck Rd: Proposed wetland impacts associated with proposed landfill expansion.

Project agents Anne Reichert, Bob Magnuson, Barry Keith, and Eric Steinhauer gave an overview of the Turnkey Waste Management facility, the need to expand the landfill area, the proposed 1.9 acres of wetland impacts proposed and related proposed land preservation mitigation. The agents suggested that a site walk occur. The Commission agreed to conduct the site walk on July 15th at 8:00 am.

3. Conditional Use Permit

a) 104 Pickering Rd: Jaeger USA, Inc./Textile Tapes Corp, proposed building expansion and wetland buffer reduction request.

Project agent Scott Lawler presented the proposed expansion project and request to reduce the wetland buffer from 50' to 25'. The Commission discussed conditions of signing off on this application, such as proper erosion controls and marking the limits of clearing. Mr. Jennings made a

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motion to conditionally approve this application and asked staff to forward their comments to the Planning Board, Mr. Kirwan seconded, the motion passed.

4. Minutes: Review meeting minutes of May 24, 2017. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Sullivan suggested changes be made to the minutes. Mr. Kirwan motioned to accept the minutes with the suggested changes, Mr. Sullivan seconded, and the motioned passed.

5. Correspondence: Mr. Creighton stated that South East Land Trust had mailed the Commission an annual membership renewal request. Mr. Dionne motioned to renew the membership for \$100, Mr. Jennings seconded, the motion passed.

6. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate:

- a) Notice of Intent to Cut - Tax Map # 251-172. 5 Estes Rd.
 - b) Notice of Intent to Cut - Tax Map # 129-15, National Guard on Brock St.
 - c) Notice of Intent to Cut - Tax Map # 233-1. Sheepboro Rd.
- The Commission had no concerns with these applications.

7. Reports: a) Technical Review Group report: Mr. Jennings explained the projects currently being reviewed and that only one with proposed wetland buffer impacts was discussed early (104 Pickering Rd).

b) Report from site walk of National Guard Site on Brock St.

Mr. Dionne explained that he, Mr. Hackett, and Mr. Creighton had met with NH DES, NH DOT, US National Guard, and contractors during a preconstruction walk. He also visited the site again when tree cutting began. He reported that the contractors understood the limits of clearing and the need to protect vegetation along the shore of the brook

8. Other Business: a) Ms. Lineweber asked if the City maintained a list of City-owned rain gardens. Mr. Creighton said he would ask DPW. Ms. Lineweber suggested that all City owned rain gardens locations be mapped and maintenance schedules be created for them.

b) Mr. Jennings explained that he had made the City aware of potential wetland/wetland buffer violations at 16 Snow St. Mr. Creighton said that the Code Enforcement Officer was looking into this matter.

9. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d): Discussion of acquisition of real property and/or recent site walks and LACE sheets.

At 9:15 pm Mr. Dionne motioned to move into a nonpublic session, Mr. Sullivan seconded, the motion passed.

At 9:34 pm the public session resumed.

10. Adjournment: Mr. Kirwan motioned to adjourn at 9:34 pm; Mr. Hackett seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner