

# Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of January 24, 2018

Approved 2-28-2018

## Members Present:

Mike Dionne	Kevin Sullivan	Barbara Soley
Mark Jennings	Michael Kirwan	Sheila Lulek

## Members Absent:

Jack Hackett      Keith Johnson

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:36pm

## **1. Conservation Overlay District:**

### **a) Waste Management of NH, 90 Rochester Neck Road & 214 Isinglass Drive**

Anne Reichert of Waste Management (WM) reminded the Commission members that WM had presented this material several times prior and also conducted a site walk with the members, and tonight they were back for a formal, and final, vote. Ms. Reichert explained they were there because they need an official vote on the conditional use permit application and added they have already been approved by the Planning Board. She then quickly recapped the project and wetland impact areas and how the conditional use permit criteria is being met. She also showed the updated car top boat access to the Isinglass River.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Kirwan to support the conditional use permit as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **b) J & L Terra Holdings, Inc., 685 Salmon Falls Road**

Christian Smith of Beals Associates presented the project for a 33-Lot subdivision. Mr. Smith explained there will be 925 square feet of 25' wetland buffer setback impacts and 6,000 square feet of 50' wetland buffer setback impacts. Mr. Smith said the proposed treatment ponds will either be sand and/or vegetation, he also explained the entire proposed drainage system.

Brendan Quigley of Gove Environmental explained the wetland functions and values and said the highest value is habitat.

Mr. Kirwan asked about seasonal high water table levels; Mr. Smith said that some lots will be walkouts and others may require foundation drains. Mr. Dionne asked which watershed this property was part of. Mr. Creighton explained that this is part of the Salmon Falls watershed. Mr. Kirwan suggested keeping as many trees on the slopes and that the vegetation is looked at before timbering.

Mr. Kirwan made a motion to approve with the following conditions: 1) That a wetland scientist review the proposed plantings of the drainage ponds to ensure the species are compatible with the native wetland and wetland buffer species; and, 2) An area of the potential vernal pool be verified before final approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. 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 7:30 pm Mr. Sullivan motioned to move into a nonpublic session, Mr. Jennings seconded, the motion passed.

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At 8:04pm the public session resumed.

**3. Minutes:** The minutes of November 15, 2017 were reviewed and edits suggested. A motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dionne, all voted in favor.

**4. Discussion:** a) The Commission discussed asking DES to attend a meeting regarding water quality. The Commission would like NH DES to attend a meeting to discuss logistics of water quality monitoring. b) The Commission discussed that Matt and Gretchen Scruton should attend a meeting so they can discuss the logistics of holding a Farm open house day during maple syrup season.

## **5. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/Intent to Excavate:**

- a) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 215-17, Norway Plains Road
  - b) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 234-18&36, Crown Point Road
  - c) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 230-20, Governors Road
- The Commission didn't have any concerns with these.

## **6. New Business:**

- a) Aquatic Resource Mitigation – Training event on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jennings and Ms. Lulek said they will both attend.

**7. Reports:** a) Technical Review Group: Mr. Jennings, the Commission's liaison to the Technical Review Group (TRG), reported on the applications currently being reviewed by the TRG group including: The Village at Clark Brook to amend the Master Plan and revise the unit types and number of units allowed; and 156 Old Dover Road for a 17-Lot subdivision.

**8. Old Business:** a) School/Conservation Commission Partnership – Water quality monitoring. Mr. Creighton said he will be in contact with the school prior to contacting NH DES.

b) Hope Farm (Peaslee Road) Monitoring Report: Mr. Creighton said that he had met with the property owner's son and walked the property and could create a monitoring report.

**9. Adjournment:** Ms. Lulek motioned to adjourn at 8:46pm; Ms. Soley seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner