

City of Rochester Conservation Commission

November 28, 2018

City Council Chambers

31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867

Approved 1/23/2019

Members Present: Meredith Lineweber Michael Kirwan Kevin Sullivan Mike Dionne

Members Absent: Barbara Soley Sheila Lulek Mark Jennings

Staff: Seth Creighton, *Chief Planner*

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:32 pm

1. Discussion: New City Snow Dump on Franklin Street (Tax Map 119 Lot 113)

Peter Nourse, Director of Public Works presented a plot plan showing the location of the new snow storage area and associated driveway. The Commission members reviewed the plan and expressed their concerns.

The Commission was concerned that water will pool at the rain garden location, Mr. Nourse said they can install a drainage ditch. The Commission went on to say they are concerned with open access to the lot especially to ATV's, Mr. Nourse said they can install a gate further down the driveway. The last concern the Commission had was the road salt from the snow, Mr. Nourse said they can install a mulch berm and small vegetated buffer between the snow storage and wetlands.

2. Minutes: Review Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2018.

The minutes of September 26, 2018 were reviewed. The Commission members discussed and suggested changes. A motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Kirwan, all voted in favor.

3. Conservation Overlay District: Review of proposed revised language to the Conservation Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Commission members reviewed the changes and didn't have any concerns.

4. NH DES Wetland Impact Application: None.

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

a) Notice of Intent to Cut: 195 Ten Rod Road, Tax Map 217 Lot 48.

Mr. Creighton explained this is on conserved land and that first easement holder (South East Land Trust) had reviewed the Intent To Cut and found it to be in line with the easement requirements. The Commission had no concerns.

b) Notice of Intent to Cut: Shady Hill Drive, Tap Map 265 Lot 4-1.

The Commission had no concerns.

c) Notice of Intent to Cut: Rochester Neck Road, Tax Maps 262 & 267 Lots 23, 2, & 22 (all owned by Waste Management).

The Commission discussed the site visit they held during the summer and that they had viewed this area; there were no concerns.

6. New Business:

a) Review of 2019 meeting schedule- No concern.

- b) Status of EPA Greening Americas Cities. - The Commission encouraged the City to implement the designs drawn by the EPA consultants with regards to rebuilding the Union St parking lot and the gap area of North Main St. Staff suggested that these projects be added to the CIP list.
- c) Status of Farmers Market – Ms. Linwebber stated that she heard the Farmers Market is not happening this year; Mr. Creighton said he was not aware of this, but would look into it and suggested that the City's Economic Development Specialist be contacted.
- d) Ten Rod Farm: Ms. Linwebber informed the Commission this farm is giving away free milkweed seeds.
- e) Hope Farm: Mr. Creighton gave an update about the annual inspection walk he conducted and said that the farm is adhering to the easement requirements.

7. Old Business:

- a) Gauthier's Farm: Mr. Dionne told the Commission that the shooting area has been closed to the public.
- b) Gonic Dam: Mr. Sullivan gave the Commission members an update about the State of NH's desire to remove the Gonic Dam and the Gonic Sawmill Dam. The details of this and related hurdles were discussed.

8. Reports:

- a) Technical Review Group: Mr. Creighton provided an update of recent, not yet approved, Planning Board applications. The Commission didn't have any wetland concerns with a proposed Waste Management Liquefied Natural Gas project.
- b) Planning Board: Mr. Creighton provided a summary of recently approved Planning Board applications.

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 8:17 p.m., Mr. Jennings motioned to move into a nonpublic session, Mr. Kirwan seconded, the motion passed. At 8:33 p.m., the regular meeting reconvened.

10. Adjournment: Mr. Jennings motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm; Mr. Kirwan seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner