

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of January 23, 2019

Approved 2-27-19

Members Present:

Mike Dionne Kevin Sullivan Barbara Soley
Mark Jennings Meredith Lineweber

Members Absent:

Sheila Lulek Michael Kirwan

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:30 pm

1. Conservation Overlay District:

a) **Safran, 85 Innovation Drive (by Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.) Site plan and Conditional Use Permit for an additional 109 parking spaces. (Tax Map # 242-6) wetland and wetland buffer impacts proposed.**

Rick Lundborn, a civil engineer from Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. presented this application. He explained that Safran needs more parking spaces because there aren't enough parking spaces at the time of shift change. There are 101 new spaces proposed, some of which will impact wetlands and wetland buffers. The history of the project, stormwater treatment, and previous wetland impact approvals were discussed. Planning Staff offered suggestions on how to better treat stormwater runoff and protect wetland. The Conservation Commission approved the proposed impacts contingent upon 1) bushes being planted between the new pavement and existing swale near the cooling tower; 2) adding hoods to catch basins; and, 3) limiting mowing of grass area at the outer edges of the parking lot to twice a year, spring and fall. This motion was made by Ms. Soley and seconded by Mr. Jennings, all voted in favor.

2. Minutes: The meeting minutes of November 28, 2018 were reviewed, edited, and approved. Ms. Lineweber made this motion, Mr. Sullivan seconded.

3. NH DES Wetland/Shoreland Applications.

a) **NH DES Wetlands Utility Maintenance Notification: Eversource; cutting of vegetation within or along the electrical utility ROW corridor using a track mounted or rubber tire equipment. Location is throughout the City.**

Mr. Creighton presented this application and explained that this application is for minor proposed temporary wetland impacts associated with scheduled brush hogging/vegetation clearing along Eversource's rights-of-ways. The Commission had no concern with this application.

4. Discussion:

- a) An update was given regarding the conserved farm known as 10 Rod Farm. The update is that the farm no longer has sheep.
- b) Spaulding High School's environmental education/science teacher Darren Scopel said that he would like his class to partner with the Commission doing water monitoring (Cocheco River). The Commission agreed this was a good idea and that the two parties would convene in the spring on this.

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Mr. Scopel also said that his students are learning GIS mapping and gathering/mapping tree data; he asked the Commission to let him know if there are specific areas in the City where the students should focus.

c) Mr. Creighton passed along a note from The Ridge Marketplace's wetland scientist. The note was notification that permitted wetland impact work was commencing on Phase 2 of The Ridge (Route 11 development). The Commission asked a few questions to remind them about the permitted work. There were no further comments.

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

a) Notice of Intent to Cut - Tax Maps 216-8&9, 60 & 68 Farmington Rd

The Commission reviewed this, they had no concerns.

6. New Business:

a) **Member status and terms-** Mr. Creighton reminded members of their term dates and encouraged them to apply for reappointment.

7. Reports:

a) Technical Review Group.

b) Planning Board.

Mr. Jennings and Mr. Creighton gave updates on active Planning Board applications. It was noted that many applications are for land actively in Current Use.

8. Old Business: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner