

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of February 26, 2020

(These minutes were approved on April 22, 2020)

Members Present:

Mark Jennings
Dan Nickerson

Barbara Soley
Mike Dionne

Sheila Lulek
Kevin Sullivan

Meredeth Lineweber

Members Absent:

Michael Kirwan

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:36 pm

- 1.) **Minutes:** the meeting minutes of January 22, 2020 were reviewed, with edits suggested. *Ms. Lineweber suggested changes. Mr. Sullivan motioned to accept the minutes with the discussed edits and Mr. Jennings seconded. The motion passed.*
- 2.) **Non-Public Session** *pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d): Discussion of acquisition of real property and/or recent site walks LACE Sheets:* A motion was made by Mr. Dionne to enter into to non-public at 6:36pm and seconded by Mr. Nickerson. The motion passed. At 7:49pm the regular meeting reconvened.
- 3.) **Conservation Overlay District:** None.
- 3.) **NH DES Wetland/Shore land Applications:** None.
- 4.) **Discussion:** None.
- 5.) **Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/Intent to Excavate:** a) Notice of Intent to Excavate - Tax Map 268-5 Rochester Neck Rd
There were no concerns with this application because the permit is basically an annual renewal of an existing gravel pit (Brox Industries).
- 6.) **New Business:** a) Several members showed interest in an annual conference called "Saving Special Places" that will be held in April in Alton, NH. Mr. Creighton asked them to fill out their preferences and he will sign them up.
- 7.) **Reports:** a) Mr. Jennings gave an update to the Commission on the items that went before the TRG.
b) Mr. Creighton said there were no relevant updates from the Planning Board.
- 8.) **Old Business:** a) Mr. Jennings brought up the recently quoted high costs for several public projects (such as wetland/brook crossings). Some members voiced their desire for the City to go out to bid for these designs/builds, and to consider using surplus used military materials (culverts, bridges, etc...) which typically cost a fraction of new.

b) Ms Lulek suggested that a ravine area running along Congress St be cleaned up of years of trash and large debris; using student Americorps members was considered. Mr. Creighton pointed out that nearly all of this area is composed of several privately owned lots, and as such requesting liability and permissions from each would be needed.

9.) Adjournment: Mr. Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 9:21pm, and Ms. Soley seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, AICP
Chief Planner