

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of March 28, 2018

Approved 4-25-18

Members Present:

Mike Dionne
Barbara Soley

Meredeth Lineweber
Michael Kirwan

Mark Jennings

Sheila Lulek

Members Absent:

Jack Hackett

Kevin Sullivan

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:38pm

1. Discussion:

a) NH DES presentation of NH Volunteer River Assessment Program

Ted Walsh, Surface Water Monitoring Coordinator with NH DES explained the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) and said the focus will be on the Cocheco River with six or eight monitoring sites. Monitoring would occur in the warmer months. Two Commission members showed interest in volunteering. NH DES will provide training and help select sample locations. NH DES asked Mr. Creighton and the Conservation Commission if the City's waste water plant could do the water testing and if there were City funds to buy a new water quality monitoring kit (estimated at \$2,500). Mr. Walsh said that Rochester used to be the best VRAP group and is encouraged to see interest in starting this group again.

2. Minutes: Review Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018.

The minutes of February 28, 2018 were reviewed and edits suggested. Ms. Lineweber suggested edits. A motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Kirwan, all voted in favor.

3. NH DES Wetland Impact Application: There were no applications to review.

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

a) Notice of Intent to Excavate - Tax Map-Lot 268-5, Rochester Neck Rd (Brox Industries):
There were no concerns from any of the Commission members.

5. New Business:

a) Review of bylaws: The Commission reviewed the bylaws and suggested making some changes. A motion was made by Mr. Kirwan and seconded by Ms. Soley to accept the changes, all voted in favor.

6. Old Business: None

7. Reports:

a) Technical Review Group: Mr. Jennings gave an update on The Ridge Phase II amendment request to allow further excavation of the site to include cutting of trees, filling of wetlands, relocation of streams, construction of temporary sedimentation basins, excavation of materials, and

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stabilization of the area. Mr. Jennings further explained the layout changes include a reduction of the total footprint of proposed structures, wetland impacts, and an increase in the infiltration of stormwater.

b) Planning Board: Mr. Creighton told the Commission the subdivision for Jeremiah Lane was approved by both the Planning Board and NH DES, and the subdivision for Old Dover will be going to the April 2nd Planning Board meeting.

8. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d): At 8:10 pm Mr. Kirwan motioned to move into a nonpublic session, Mr. Jennings seconded, the motion passed. Discussion of acquisition of real property and/or recent site walks and LACE sheets.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Kirwan motioned to adjourn at 9:07 pm; Mr. Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner