

# City of Rochester Conservation Commission

August 22, 2018

City Council Chambers

31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867

*Accepted on 9-26-2018*

Members Present: Meredith Lineweber   Mark Jennings   Michael Kirwan   Kevin Sullivan   Sheila Lulek  
Barbara Soley

Members Absent:   Mike Dionne

Staff: None.

Mr. Sullivan convened the meeting at 6:36 pm

**1. Conservation Overlay District:** David & Destiny Groen, 138 Chesley Hill Road (by Berry Surveying & Engineering) 6-Lot subdivision. Proposed wetland buffer impacts for new driveway.

Mr. Chris Berry presented the proposed subdivision plans and spoke to the two wetland crossings needed for the proposed road. He explained that steeper road side slopes are proposed to minimize the area of wetland impact. He also said that stormwater treatment systems would be raingardens to mimic the natural treatment offered by the wetlands. The Conservation Commission question culvert sizing at the crossings, Mr. Berry explained the sizes. Mr. Creighton suggested that the Commission conduct a site walk, and also made it known that DPW and Planning Staff were suggesting revisions to the road/drainage designs.

Mr. Kirwan made a motion to withhold comment until after a site walk and to conduct a site walk on August 29, 2018 at 5pm; Ms. Soley seconded, all voted in favor.

**2. Minutes:** Review Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018.

The minutes of July 25, 2018 for were reviewed. Ms. Lineweber suggested changes. A motion to approve the minutes with changes made by Mr. Kirwan, seconded by Mr. Jennings all voted in favor.

**3. Discussion:** Mr. Kirwan stated that the City would not be spraying herbicides on knotweed growing along the public roads abutting Hope Farm. The Commission discussed proper techniques to remove invasive knotweed; d) Ms. Lineweber summarized recent scientific reports about pesticide/herbicide chemicals being found in common commercially produced food.

Continuing a conversation from the previous month's meeting, responsibilities were divided between members and Staff in regards to who would be the lead on these matters: a) Franklin St community gardens; Mr. Kirwan would be the contact; b) Creating a "conserved parcels" layer onto the City's GIS online map; Mr. Creighton and Ms. Lineweber would be the contacts; e) Patterning with boy scouts; Ms. Lineweber would be the contact and she stated she has already spoken to the mother of an active boy scout.

**4. NH DES Wetland Impact Application:** Mr. Berry presented a copy of the State wetland application for the same wetlands impacts noted in item #1 above. The Commission withheld commenting until after they conducted a site walk.

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

a) Notice of Intent to Cut: 685 Salmon Falls Rd Tax Map: 224 Lot 310

Mr. Creighton explained that this cutting should be on hold until the applicant addresses the Planning Board's precedent conditions of approval (this property recently obtained conditional Planning Board approval for a subdivision).

**6. New Business:** None.

**7. Old Business:** None.

**8. Reports:**

- a) Technical Review Group: A summary of recent, not yet approved, Planning Board applications was reviewed.
- b) Planning Board: A summary of recently approved Planning Board applications was given.

**9. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d):** None.

**10. Adjournment:** Mr. Kirwan motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm; Mr. Crowell seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner