

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of September 25, 2019

(These minutes were approved on October 23, 2019)

Members Present:

Mark Jennings Barbara Soley Sheila Lulek Meredith Lineweber
Dan Nickerson

Members Absent:

Michael Kirwan Mike Dionne Kevin Sullivan

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Jennings convened the meeting at 6:31 pm

- 1.) **Minutes:** the meeting minutes of August 28, 2019 were reviewed, with edits were suggested. Mr. Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes with the discussed edits and Ms. Soley seconded. The motion passed.
- 2.) **Conservation Overlay District:** NONE.
- 3.) **Discussion:** The Commission discussed the Eversource project at 33 Twombly Street which includes rebuilding and upgrading the current substation. Mr. Creighton informed them that a NH DES wetland application was submitted for this project because it proposes 500 +/- sq. ft. of wetland fill. Mr. Creighton said he walked the site and met with the wetland scientist, and that he and the wetland scientist agreed the wetlands were previously impacted and of low value. Mr. Creighton said Staff has no concern with this wetland impact; the Conservation Commission agreed.
- 4.) **Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber/Intent to Excavate:** There were no new Intent to Cut or Excavate permits, but Mr. Creighton said that the excavation pit on Franklin Torr's property at Map-Lot 207-1, between Little Falls Bridge Rd/Route 11/Chestnut Hill Rd, will become fully active again very soon and that SUR Construction will be moving the material.
- 5.) **New Business:** a) Ms. Lulek gave the Commission an update regarding Rochester Rise Up. She said they have been working on trash pick-up at homeless camps along with providing trash collection areas for them. Ms. Lulek said they have also provided safe needle disposals to the camps as well. b) Mr. Creighton informed the Commission the Planning Department is working to update the Downtown Master Plan and asked that they take the related surveys. c) Mr. Creighton suggested monitoring the Hope Farm with the high school Environmental Education students. d) Mr. Jennings informed the Commission he has completed water quality monitoring for the year. e) Ms. Lineweber told the Commission she had an invasive species display set up at the Rochester Fair. f) Ms. Lineweber informed the Commission that the owner of an easement on Dry Hill Road had passed away and Ms. Lineweber wanted to know if the Commission had to do anything regarding the easement. Mr. Creighton said nothing needs to be done because the deed/easement is on record at the Registry of Deed and runs with the land.

6.) 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 Ms. Soley to enter into to non-public at 7:24pm and seconded by Ms. Lineweber. The motion passed.

7.) Old Business: None.

8.) Adjournment: Ms. Soley motioned to adjourn at 7:34pm, and Mr. Nickerson seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, AICP
Chief Planner