

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of September 9, 2020

(These minutes were approved on October 28, 2020)

Members Present:

Mike Dionne	Mark Jennings	Meredeth Lineweber
Dan Nickerson	Kevin Sullivan	Barbara Soley

Members Absent:

Sheila Lulek

Staff: Seth Creighton, Chief Planner

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:40 pm and appointed Mr. Nickerson to vote in place of Ms. Lineweber.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 36-A:4, RSA 36-A:5, and RSA 675:7, the Rochester Conservation Commission will vote regarding a proposed acquisition of land using Conservation Fund money. The subject land is known as 104 Crowhill Road, Tax Map 108 Lot 29, and is approximately 38+/- acres.

Mr. Creighton explained that the Commission has been working in Non-public for several months to acquire 104 Crowhill Road, and that tonight a formal vote to spend Conservation Fund money to close on the deal is necessary.

Mr. Jennings motioned to approve spending \$175,000 for the land purchase, plus any associated costs to close and put the land into and conservation easement. Additionally he would support a purchase and sales agreement and down payment. Mr. Nickerson seconded. The vote passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

2. Conservation Overlay District: None

3. NH DES Wetland/Shoreland Applications: None.

4. Discussion: The Commission discussed whether or not to have a subcommittee for DES Wetland and Intent to Cut Wood or Timber applications, in the event that comments need to be issued prior to a Conservation Commission meeting.

Mr. Jennings made the following motion:

- a) Mr. Nickerson would review Intent to Cut permits.
- b) Mr. Jennings and Mr. Dionne would review NH DES permits.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate: a) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 206 Lot 35, 35 Betts Road; b) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 267 Lot 2, Rochester Neck Road; c) Notice of Intent to Cut – Tax Map 203 Lot 20, Governors Road. The Commission had no concerns with these, no formal vote was needed.

6. New Business: None.

7. Reports:

- a) Technical Review Group
- b) Planning Board

Mr. Creighton gave the Commission an update on some of the projects that has gone to the Planning Board. Mr. Jennings explained he hasn't been able to attend the TRG because the meeting has been continued to be held remotely for City Staff.

8. Old Business: None.

9. Minutes: the meeting minutes of June 24, 2020 were reviewed. Mr. Jennings suggested some changes. *Mr. Jennings motioned to accept the minutes with revisions and Mr. Sullivan seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.*

10. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d): Discussion of acquisition of real property and/or recent site walks LACE Sheets. The Commission chose not to enter a Non-public meeting.

11. Adjournment: Mr. Sullivan motioned to adjourn at 7:37pm, and Mr. Nickerson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Creighton, AICP
Chief Planner