



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

City of Rochester

Wednesday November 17, 2021

City Police Station (second floor conference room)

23 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

(These minutes were approved on, January 26, 2021)

Members Present

Mike Dionne, *Chair*

Mark Jennings

Mike Kirwan

Meredeth Lineweber

Dan Nickerson

Members Absent

Barbara Soley

Sheila Lulek

Kevin Sullivan, *Vice Chair*

Staff: Ryan O'Connor, *Planner I*

I. Call to Order. Mr. Dionne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Conservation Overlay District:

- a. **Review Application for Conditional Use Permit for Map 253 Lot 57; 7A
Laura Drive**

Joseph Berry of Berry Surveying presented the proposed subdivision and associated Conditional Use Permit. An amendment to the original plans was offered with an additional 260 square foot wetland buffer impact. Mr. Berry stated the total 1,460 square foot wetland impact was necessary to access both lots.

Mr. Dionne asked about the timeline of the project with concerns about seeding, Mr. Berry stated the project would not begin until next spring. Mr. Jennings discussed the overall water flow of the area and that the gravel road and culvert were well draining.

Mr. Nickerson had concerns about the existing culverts, specifically if they may be damaged under the weight of construction vehicles. Mr. Berry reassured that water flow through the culverts was adequate, but plans would be amended to replace the culverts.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Nickerson to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the exception that the culverts be replace. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 22, 2021 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Kirwan to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes with the changes discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Review of 2022 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Dionne and seconded by Mr. Jennings to approve the 2022 meeting dates. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Review of Conservation Commission Funding Changes

Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Lineweber discussed current spending and the future purchase of the Champlin Forest property. Mr. Jennings stated that these changes will further allow the City to balance land conservation with development.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Dionne to approve the funding changes proposed by the City of Rochester Finance department. The motion was carried Unanimously.

VI. NH DES Wetland / Shoreland Applications: None

VII. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate: None

VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Dionne discussed his site walk of the Champlin Forest with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest. Concerns were raised about the parking area collecting trash and being used for illicit activity. Further discussion with SPNHF is needed to determine achievable alternatives or solutions for these problems.
- b. Mr. Dionne gave an update on the annual monitoring of Brook Trout in the Oyster River and daylight enhancement projects planned for Rickers Brook. He also

informed the board of a local student that may present a grant application to the regarding sodium chloride reduction in Willow Brook.

IX. Reports

a. Technical Review Group

- i. Mr. Jennings gave updates for the 29 Wadleigh Road and 38 Charles Street properties.

b. Planning Board: None

X. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Lineweber discussed honoring past Conservation Commission members with a scholarship fund for local students. The Commission was in favor of exploring options for this type of effort.

XI. Non-Public Session: None

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kirwan and seconded by Mr. Dionne to adjourn at 8:18pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan O'Connor,
Planner I