CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2014
Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall
41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Attendance

Christopher Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present at the meeting included: Chair Christopher Morgan, James Owers, Kristine Tardiff, Frederick Chormann, Tracey Boisvert (7:12), Christopher Kane (7:13) and Councilor Jan McClure (7:08). City Planner Nancy Larson and Administrative Specialist Patricia Murray from the Planning Division and Danielle Pacik, Deputy City Solicitor also attended the meeting.

1. Minutes, September 10, 2014 meeting

Ms. Tardiff moved to accept the September 10, 2014 minutes with the deletion of the duplicated word "through" on page 3 first sentence. Ms. Boisvert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. New Business

a. Non-public session for the discussion of conservation property in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(d) (7:00pm)

Ms. Tardiff moved to enter into a nonpublic session for the discussion of conservation property in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(d). Mr. Chormann seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The Commission entered into non-public session.

Following the discussion, the Commission moved to exit nonpublic session and seal the minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Tim Blagden, Executive Director, Bike-Walk Alliance of NH to discuss the Concord to Claremont railroad grade as a rail trail.

Mr. Blagden stated the purpose of his presentation was to find out if this project is on the Commissions radar for now or for some other time. He gave an overview of the project stating that the city owns 17 parcels of the 43 total parcels the route would pass through. Mr. Blagden would like to move more publically with the project and make improvements to the city owned parcels. He also wants to know if the city would have interest in acquiring a few parcels. Discussion ensued regarding the RTP grant. The Commission asked that this item be placed on the October 22 Trails Sub-Committee agenda for further discussion.

c. Ron Klemarczyk to discuss a request to establish a policy to allow for the collection of deadwood on City Open Space property.

Mr. Klemarczyk does not support establishing a policy to allow for the collection of deadwood on City Open Space property as outlined in his letter. He also mentioned that the City would only allow people trained in chainsaw use to use chainsaws on city property. He suggested finding out through General Services what the city does with cut trees.

3. Wetlands Bureau
   a. Correspondence –

PSNH permit for the 317 line was received.
A letter from DES regarding the bridge borings for Sewalls Falls Bridge was received.

4. Reports
   a. Trails Committee –

Mr. Klemarczyk reported he will be supervising the Concord High School volunteers.

Mr. Klemarczyk also reported the timber sale at Spears Park which has received two bids.

Ms. Larson reported on the timber trespass report; several large trees had been cut on City property due to a pin being moved. Mr. Klemarczyk submitted the report which disclosed about $500.00 worth of timber loss which the logger is willing to repay.

Mr. Klemarczyk reported on Rolinda Ave. A loop trail was made through Russell Martin Park, there was a ROW from Russ Martin Park to Rolinda Ave. The ROW was moved at the request of the property owner. A neighbor's lawn encroaches the ROW. The ROW was re-surveyed. A letter will be sent regarding the easement.

   b. Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee – Chair Morgan spoke about the Wild and Scenic letter received from Michelle Tremblay on July 3rd. Mr. Chormann stated he could inquire about having an informational session regarding the update of the process.

   c. Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee – no update

   d. Forestry – There was a request from Mr. Chuck Rose requesting access to city owned land for logging purposes. Mr. Klemarczyk has no problem with this.

   e. Street Trees – no update

5. City Council/Planning Board – no update

6. Easement Stewardship/Monitoring

The Commission will divide the list among members. Ms. Katherine Healy was present and expressed interest in assisting with the easement monitoring. She left her contact information and will be present at the November 12 meeting to discuss further.

7. City Open Space
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8. Other Business

    a. NHACC 44th Annual Meeting and Conference, Saturday, November 1, 2014, 8:00am – 3:45pm, Laconia Middle School.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:
Patricia Murray, *Secretary Pro-tem*