

**CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 10, 2014 draft**  
**Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall**  
**41 Green Street, Concord, NH**

**Attendance**

James Owers, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present at the meeting included: Vice Chair James Owers, Kristine Tardiff, Frederick Chormann, Christopher Kane and Councilor Jan McClure (7:07). City Planner Nancy Larson, Assistant City Planner Heather Shank and Administrative Specialist Patricia Murray from the Planning Division also attended the meeting. Ms. Danielle Pacik, Deputy City Solicitor, was also present. Chip Chesley and Phil Bilodeau, General Services, were also present.

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

Ms. Tardiff moved to enter into a second 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.

**2. Minutes, November 12, 2014 meeting**

Ms. Tardiff moved to accept the November 12, 2014 minutes with the change of “McLure” to “McClure” on page 2, item 4.a. Mr. Chormann seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**3. New Business**

**a. Tracy Coolidge, Normandeau Associates, Inc. to discuss the proposed PSNH G-146 line.**

Lee Carbonneau was present for Tracy Coolidge. Public Service of New Hampshire requests a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to upgrade components on their existing transmission line. According to the CUP application, the G146 Line Thermal Upgrading project will upgrade components on the existing transmission line to maintain reliability of PSNH’s electrical delivery system. The proposed upgrades will temporarily impact 1,678 of one wetland (4,010 SF of impact including the 50 ft. wetland buffer) with timber matting placed across the wetland. According to the applicant’s narrative, the G146 Transmission Line is an 18-mile, 115kV transmission line originating at the Garvin’s Falls Substation in the Town of Bow, crossing through the City of Concord and the Towns of Pembroke and Allenstown, terminating at the Deerfield Substation in the Town of Deerfield. The project is part of PSNH’s 10-year plan for southern NH and will improve the safety and reliability of the electric system. All work in Concord will take place within the existing right-of-way (ROW) on land owned by PSNH and will be accessed from Garvins Falls Road.

Mr. Kane moved to recommend to the Planning Board approval of the Conditional Use Permit as proposed. Mr. Chormann seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**b. Jim McCartney, National Park Service, to discuss the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program –**

The Commission noted that they had drafted a report to City Council in 2010 but it never went beyond the Conservation Commission at that time. Jim McCartney, National Park Service, presented a PowerPoint slide show. Mr. McCartney stated this is a national system similar to the national park system. Presently there are 203 rivers designated nationally.

The Commission would like information gathered for the next meeting and asked Ms. Larson to bring the master plan for water.

**4. Wetlands Bureau**

**a. Correspondence - none**

**5. Reports**

**a. Trails Committee** – Ms. Larson advised the Commission that there are areas of erosion at Rossvie Farm and she will be meeting with Ron Klemarczyk and Wayne Ross next week. Councilor McClure spoke about the Winant trail and the problem with bikers blazing trails. After some discussion it was decided to refer to the Trails Committee and to look at the Winant Trail agreement.

**b. Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee** – Mr. Chormann stated a winter event is planned at the St. Paul's School which will be open to the public. Advertisement is forthcoming.

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

**d. Forestry** – no update

**e. Street Trees** – Mr. Chormann asked for a damage assessment from the recent storm. Mr. Kane stated that the committee needs organizing. Councilor McClure stated the Mayor is going to appoint a committee and there are 4 or 5 City Councilors interested. This will be a City Council agenda item in January.

**6. City Council/Planning Board** – no update

**7. Easement Stewardship/Monitoring** – Mr. Owers and Ms. Healy went out to one property. Councilor McClure, Mr. Morgan and Ms. Healy went out but could not find boundaries. Discussion ensued about requirements for sub-division contractors to mark, blaze and paint.

**8. City Open Space** – Ms. Larson will be setting up a meeting with the Hallers.

**9. Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Patricia Murray, *Secretary Pro-tem*