CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES draft
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2015
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; Tracey Boisvert; Frederick Chormann; Pam Hunt; Councilor Jan McClure; Jim Owers; and Kristine Tardiff. Senior Planner Beth Fenstermacher and Patricia Murray, Administrative Specialist from the Planning Division also attended the meeting.

1. Minutes, August 12, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Chormann moved to accept the August 12, 2015 minutes with the changes discussed. Ms. Tardiff seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. Matt Peterson, on behalf of Dundee Investments LLC. Conditional Use Permit for the proposed disturbance of wetland buffer, Loudon Road & Old Loudon Road (Map 111E, Block 1, Lots 2, 3, 10, 11)

Mr. Jeff Merit, Keach-Nordstrom and Mr. Matt Peterson, Hillside Design Group were present to speak to the application. Mr. Peterson stated the project is proposed to commence next summer and the applicant will go before Planning Board in either January or February 2016. The next phase will be a retail space and restaurant drive-thru. Mr. Merit presented the drainage and landscape plan.

Mr. Owers moved to recommend the Conditional Use Permit application for the proposed disturbance of wetland buffer for parking lot upgrade at 279 Pleasant Street to the Planning Board. Mr. Chormann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Earl Chase, on behalf of Thomas Perry, 36 Snow Pond Road. Proposed wetland buffer restoration for disturbance that occurred beyond the previously approved disturbance under a Conditional Use Permit for project number 2014-06.

Earl Chase presented a restoration plan in response to a notice from Planning Staff. He requested that the Commission approve the modification to a plan recommended by staff. The request is based on cost and anticipated survival rate of the plantings.

Ms. Tardiff moved to approve the restoration plan as presented by Earl Chase, with the following conditions:

1. All installation work shall be performed under the supervision of Earl Chase, Certified Wetland Scientist.
2. The monitoring period shall be extended to 3 years. One half of the financial surety shall be released after 1 year, and the remaining shall be released as determined by Planning staff for years 2 and 3.
3. There shall be no more than 10% mortality rate at the end of the 3 year monitoring period.
4. It is the responsibility of the owner to replace any plant material beyond the 10%.

Mr. Chormann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. NHDES items - none

5. Reports

a. Trails Committee – Minutes from the August 26, 2015 Trails meeting were distributed.

Councilor McClure inquired about the reflectors that have been installed on the gate at Lakeview Drive and Long Pond. She thinks they are not necessary. Ms. Fenstermacher will check with General Services.

Ms. Fenstermacher stated there has been vandalism of the kiosk at Swope Park. She has filed a police report.

b. Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee – no update

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

d. Forestry – Mr. Klemarcyzk's report was distributed.

e. Street Trees – Councilor McClure stated the next meeting is September 14 at 12pm in the second floor conference room.

6. City Council/Planning Board - Ms. Fenstermacher reported that Ms. Shank will be presenting the public hearing for the proposed changes to the Cluster Subdivision Ordinance at Planning Board on September 16, 2015. The Commission asked that Ms. Fenstermacher send them the finalized presentation with a summary of changes.

7. Easement Stewardship/Monitoring

Ms. Fenstermacher reported that Sam Durfee is continuing the monitoring and should be finished soon. Mr. Durfee will attend the November Conservation Commission meeting to update the group.

8. City Open Space

a. Open Space Plan – discuss scope of work

Ms. Fenstermacher stated the Mayor has asked about the progress of the Open Space Plan. Ms. Fenstermacher asked that members read the open space chapter and prepare for a discussion at the October meeting so that a draft scope of work can be prepared.

9. Other Business

a. Follow up on changes to Cluster Subdivision Ordinance – see agenda item #6.

b. Scenic River Designation – Mr. Chormann stated he will contact Franklin and invite them to attend the next meeting.

c. Financial update – Ms. Fenstermacher will prepare and distribute an updated report on the Land Use Change Tax.

d. Any other items – Mr. Rob Knight was present to speak to the Pierce property acquisition. Discussion regarding the LCHIP conditions, the ridgeline, and the exclusion area ensued. Mr. Knight explained the additional funding that has become necessary.

Ms. Tardiff moved to approve the additional funding request for the purchase of the Pierce property with the condition that the Conservation Commission give final approval of the plan and exclusion area once the purchase proposal is finalized. Mr. Chormann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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). Ms. Hunt 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Patricia Murray, *Secretary Pro-tem*