

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 14, 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; Councilor Jan McClure; and Jim Owers. Senior Planner Beth Fenstermacher and Patricia Murray, Administrative Specialist from the Planning Division also attended the meeting.

1. Minutes, September 9, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Chormann moved to accept the September 9, 2015 minutes with the changes discussed. Ms. Boisvert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. NHDES items – Ms. Fenstermacher stated that the Northern Pass wetland permit application would be arriving tomorrow. The permit is 22,000 pages.

3. Reports

a. Trails Committee – Minutes from the September 23, 2015 Trails meeting were distributed.

Ms. Fenstermacher noted that she, Ron Klemarczyk and Rob Knight met with Wayne Ross for the final sign off for the trail connection. Mr. Klemarczyk and volunteers will clear out the last section of trail from Swope. Ms. Fenstermacher stated there was an article in the Insider regarding the trail system but the City was not contacted for contribution to the article. Ms. Fenstermacher stated the Five Rivers/Conservation Commission hike press release will be coming out soon. The hike will be 3 miles from Swope to Dimond Hill. Councilor McClure volunteered to be a hike leader; Ms. Fenstermacher will notify Mr. Knight. Ms. Fenstermacher will set the public meeting for the Broken Grounds trail for the November Conservation Commission Meeting. Mr. Klemarczyk will be present and the route will be discussed.

b. Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee – no update

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

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

e. Street Trees – Councilor McClure stated the next meeting is October 29. She reported that the latest meeting covered working on a policy to be adopted by City Council to guide funding and recommendations for Planning Board and General Services for planting and removal. A policy draft will be presented on the 29th.

4. City Council/Planning Board – no update

5. Easement Stewardship/Monitoring

Ms. Fenstermacher reported that Sam Durfee is continuing the monitoring and should be finished soon. Mr. Durfee will attend a future Conservation Commission meeting to report his findings to the Commission.

6. City Open Space

a. Open Space Plan – discuss scope of work

The Commission discussed the scope of work. Discussion included: include the 2010 Dan Sperduto's report and recommendations into the Plan; add in recreational component; create a GIS toolbox for analysis; come up with categories to create layers similar to Delphi, show potential conflicts, tie new land acquisitions in, use GIS analysis tools, include priority agricultural land, explore a cost path analysis, identify areas to be freely connected, include a public survey. Ms. Fenstermacher will synthesize the discussion and get a draft out before the next meeting.

7. Other Business

- a. Scenic River Designation** – Mr. Chormann stated the need to meet with General Services again. Specifics should be gathered before the meeting.
- b. Financial update** – Ms. Fenstermacher distributed a 5 year financial summary of the Conservation Trust Fund. Councilor McClure requested a monthly revenue/expense report. The Commission will start to work on the FY17 budget in December.
- c. Any other items** – Ms. Fenstermacher informed the Commission of the Oxbow Bluff trail reroute from 2011 was never constructed and the developer would like to construct soon. She will schedule an on-site visit to revisit the proposed route.

Ms. Fenstermacher presented the revised Pierce exclusion zone plan. Mr. Owers moved to accept the revised plan. Mr. Chormann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed possible new members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Please note the November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 due to Veteran's Day.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Patricia Murray, *Secretary Pro-tem*