



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 7/16/2015**

- I. **Roll Call**
Present: Stephen Wood, Gary Dickerman, Dianne Harlow, Cortney Nichols, Scott Magnuson, Kimberly Grogan
Absent: Nicholas Koloski

- II. **Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)**
 - a. May 21, 2015
Motion: To accept the minutes as written.
Made by: Mr. Wood **Second:** Mr. Dickerman **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

- III. **Finance Report**
The Commission reviewed the finance report for June 2015. No action was taken.

- IV. **Public Comment**
No public was present.

- V. **Old Business**
There was no old business to discuss.

- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Adam Ricker of UVLSRPC will discuss the findings from the Fluvial Erosion Hazards Zone assessments completed in the Sugar River Watershed

Mr. Ricker presented the results of the Fluvial Erosion Hazards Study that was conducted on reaches of the Grandy and Red Water Brooks. He explained that the results of the study can be used in future plans (Master, Hazard Mitigation, etc.) He made particular note of the section of the Grandy Brook that flows under Washington Street. The channel is steep, littered with trash and debris, and flows through an under-sized culvert.

Mr. Ricker offered his assistance in answering questions and in working with DES contact, Shane Csiki, to obtain GIS data if the Commission desires.

 - b. Rail Trail abutter permission – Judy Wells

Ms. Wells has been attempting to obtain permission to allow two construction vehicles to access her retaining wall via the rail trail to make repairs to the wall. The matter has been addressed by the City Solicitor, City Council, and Bill Watson at NHDOT with no definitive outcome. The prevalent concern among those who have discussed it is the possible negative consequences that granting permission may have on the pending waiver application.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to grant permission, but they want:

- DOT confirmation that there would be no negative consequences,
- Feedback from the Planning Board
- Clarification of the proposed point of access to the trail
- City Solicitor Taylor to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss before they make a final decision.

Chairman Harlow will contact Ms. Taylor. Commission members agreed to attend the next Planning Board meeting.

c. Projects from Natural Resource Inventory

i. Invasive Species

The Commission discussed forming an open space committee (as a subset of the Commission), creating a conservation plan (see Chapter 6 in the Handbook), and incorporating the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) into the Master Plan.

Mr. Wood talked about invasive species and how they are apt to increase in the newly logged parts of Moody Park. He would like to involve the public in removing the plants from Moody Park for both practical and educational purposes.

VII. Communications

VIII. Other Business

a. Hazardous Waste flier

Mrs. Harlow reminded everyone of the hazardous waste and medicine collections day on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the highway garage.

b. Mulch purchase for Bobby Woodman Trail ends

Mrs. Harlow has purchased ten bags of mulch (\$29.97) and spread it at the trail ends.

c. Installation of last Bobby Woodman Sign

Placement of the sign is on the agenda for the Parks and Recreation Commission, probably for late summer. It will be placed on Chestnut Street by the park entrance.

IX. Future Agenda Items

X. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Magnuson

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Resource Coordinator