



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

City of Rochester

Wednesday April 27, 2022

Rochester Police Department

23 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

(These minutes were approved on May 25, 2022)

Members Present

Barbara Soley

Mark Jennings

Mike Kirwan

Members Absent

Mike Dionne, *Chair*

Kevin Sullivan, *Vice Chair*

Dan Nickerson

Meredeth Lineweber

Staff: Ryan O'Connor, *Senior Planner*

I. Call to Order. Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

II. Conservation Overlay District:

Monarch School of New England; 105 Eastern Ave, Map 112 Lot 20 (By Berry Surveying & Engineering) Conditional Use Permit for wetland buffer impacts from proposed porous pavement parking lot. Conceptual review only.

Chris Berry from Berry Surveying and Engineering presented the conceptual design for the monarch school parking lot expansion project. Mr. Berry explained that the project has already been granted a variance by the zoning board. He showed the layout of the design and how the needed expansion of parking best fits within the wetland restrictions of the property. He explained the use of porous pavement is intended to limit wetland impacts and impervious surfaces. This design will utilize the wooded wetland areas but Mr. Berry will put together final plans to present to the conservation commission at a later date.

Mr. Kirwan asked about perk testing and how the area as a whole would drain. Mr. Berry said that the water table on average was between 0-15" and the lot would need to be built-

up, using fill, for the area to properly drain. This may also require portions of significantly wet areas to be filled. Mr. Jennings commented that the need for the parking lot to be built up would require significant slopes leading from the parking area. Those will require landscaping and stabilization to prevent untreated runoff from entering the wetlands.

Mr. O'Connor explained the need for a maintenance plan to be submitted with the finalized plans. Mr. Kirwan shared best management practices for a porous pavement lot and the importance of proper winter care. Perimeter landscaping should also consider snow storage to prevent damage as snow is pushed into those areas.

Mr. Berry will submit final plans in the near future with revisions sought from the commission.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 23, 2022 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mrs. Soley to approve the March 23, 2022 minutes with the changes discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. NH DES Wetland / Shoreland Applications:

Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit. Tax Map 202 Lot 4. Permit # 2022-00710. Permanent wetland impacts.

Statutory Permit by Notification. Tax Map 231 Lot 18. Permit # 2022-00862. Forestry Notification

No concerns were found with presented State permits.

V. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate:

Intent to Cut; Tax Map 231 Lot 18; 20 acres to be cut. Permit # 22-389-02-T

Intent to Cut; Tax Map 204 Lot 72&73; 2 acres to be cut. Permit # 22-389-01-T

No concerns were found with presented State permits. Mr. Nickerson had previously inspected the sites and found the operations were in good order.

VI. New Business

Mr. O'Connor shared the loss of John (Jack) Hackett. The commission shared memories of Jack, he was a long time member of the Rochester conservation commission and a vital supporter of the community.

VII. Reports

Mr. O'Connor shared the developments with 29 Wadleigh Road and the recent planning board approval of the project. He also explained the subdivisions currently in the technical review process and anticipated conditional use permits the commission will see in the near future.

VIII. Old Business.

Mrs. Soley inquired about Grandview Campground and the site walk planned for the development. Mr. O'Connor explained that Grandview needed to submit a conditional use permit before the commission would have the authority to enter the property. Because this has not happened, the city would be seeking NH DES assistance in pursuing potential wetland violations.

IX. Non-Public Session: None

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Soley and seconded by Mr. Kirwan to adjourn at 7:14pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan O'Connor,
Senior Planner