



City of Rochester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 24, 2023

Rochester Police Department (2nd Floor)
23 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

(These minutes were approved on June 28, 2023)

Attendance

Presence	Commission Member	Notes	Members of the Public
Present	Mike Dionne, <i>Chair</i>		Jeremy Lougee SELT
Absent	Kevin Sullivan, <i>Vice Chair</i>	excused	
Present	Mark Jennings		
Absent	Merry Lineweber	excused	
Present	Dan Nickerson		
Present	Dylan Dowe		
Present	Renée McIsaac, <i>Planner I</i>		

1) Call to Order:

Mike Dionne called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2) Approval of Minutes:

a. Review Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023.

Mike Dionne made a motion to approve the April 18th minutes. Motion was seconded by Dan Nickerson; motion passed unanimously.

b. Review Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023.

Mark Jennings requested that additional location references be added to minutes regarding parcels noted as 22 Phillips Lane and Map 258 Lot 55. Motion made by Mark Jennings to approve of the minutes with these edits. Motion was seconded by Dylan Dowe; motion passed unanimously.

3) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate:

a. Intent to Excavate: City Roads: Strafford Square Project; 23-389-06-E

b. Intent to Excavate: City Roads: Woodman, Charles, Congress; 23-389-05-E

c. Intent to Excavate: Rochester Neck Rd, Tax Map 268 Lot 7; 23-389-04-E

d. Intent to Excavate: Rochester Neck Rd, Tax Map 268 Lot 6; 23-389-03-E

There were no concerns with the applications listed above.

4) New Business:

a. Violation Notices for Tax Map 210 Lots 50 and 64 (89 Milton Road and 20 Flat Rock Bridge Road).

The Commission looks forward to reviewing the remediation plans for these sites.

b. Lilac Family Fun Festival – July 8th 4-9pm

Renée McIsaac gave a brief overview of the event and provided some examples of publications, (such as the New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management), that could be shared with the public.

Mike Dionne would like to include a map of conserved spaces to show attendees.

Mark Jennings indicated the Coastal Conservation Plan map of Rochester would also be good to have on display.

Dylan Dowe volunteered to assist with the event.

Renée McIsaac will find out if Merry Lineweber is available to attend the event. She will also continue to coordinate planning for the event with both Dylan and Merry.

- c. Jeremy Lougee from SELT presented information on the status of the proposed conservation project at 39 Bernard Road.

Jeremy Lougee indicated that the project is in the early stages and based on conversations it seems like some type of purchased easement will likely need to occur for the owners to be satisfied. The next step is to determine the value of the conservation easement. SELT has submitted an application through GBRPP for the appraisal and is seeking a match of \$3,000 from the Conservation Commission. The property has prime agricultural soils and frontage on the Salmon Falls River. They would likely exclude a lot for potential construction of a house so that any future farmer would have a home. They are still determining what the excluded area would look like, but this would be done so that it does not impact the natural attributes of the property. The property would also likely be eligible for funds through the NH DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) Source Water Protection Program.

Dylan Dowe made a motion to match the \$3,000 request through GBRPP for a property appraisal. Dan Nickerson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

5) Non-Public Session:

Mark Jennings made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II(d)* at 6:55pm. Dan Nickerson seconded the motion; the motion passed by roll call vote.

**RSA Note: "Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community."*

Dan Nickerson made a motion to leave the Non-Public Session at 8:07pm. Mark Jennings seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Dionne made a motion to seal the Non-Public Session minutes. Dylan Dowe seconded the motion; the motion passed by roll call vote.

6) Reports:

a. Technical Review

Mark Jennings gave a brief overview of the recent TRG projects.

b. Planning Board Review

Renée McIsaac reported that there were no concerns to report from recent meetings.

c. Route 11 Easement Monitoring

A brief overview of the site walk was provided by Mike Dionne and Renée McIsaac.

7) **Old Business:**

a. Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG)

The possibility of MMRG working in Rochester was briefly discussed.

b. Reported Wetlands Violation at Map 258 Lot 55 – 55 Gear Road

The wetland remediation plan accepted by NHDES was briefly discussed.

8) **Adjournment.**

A motion was made by Mike Dionne and seconded by Dylan Dowe to adjourn at 8:54pm; the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée McIsaac
Planner I