

FINAL

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Remote Via Microsoft Teams

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June 9, 2022

6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Riley (Chair), Erling Heistad, Ernst Oidtman, Barbara Hirai (Alt.), Chris Johnson, Susan Almy, Donald Lacey, Bruce James (Vice Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Megan Smith (Alt.), Darla Bruno (Alt.),

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

ALSO: Councilor Devin Wilkie

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2022

Mr. Oidtman MOVED to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes, as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Heistad.

Page 3, Line 33,35,39,43: Change “siting”

Page 4, Line 30:

Page 6, Line 19: “LCIP”

Page 3, Line 2: change “Strategy 6” to “Strategy 9”

Page , Line 44-45:

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0-0).*

3. PERMIT REVIEW

A. None

Public meeting at 4pm on June 28th at Marie’s Way

4. NON-PUBLIC STUDY ITEM

A. Non-Public Session: The Lebanon Conservation Commission will convene in a non-public session under the terms of RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property

Ms. Almy MOVED that the Lebanon Conservation Commission will convene in a non-public session under the terms of RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property.

Seconded by Mr. Heistad.

Roll Call vote: Sarah Riley – aye; Erling Heistad – aye; Ernst Oidtmann – aye; Chris Johnson – aye; Susan Almy – aye; Donald Lacey – aye; Bruce James - aye

***The Vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0-0).**

Susan Almy moved to exit the non-public session.

Seconded by Erling Heistad.

***The motion passed 7-0 by roll-call vote as follows: Riley, aye; Heistad, aye; Oidtmann, aye; Johnson, aye; Almy, aye; Lacey, aye; James, aye.**

The non-public session adjourned at 7:06 pm.

4. STUDY ITEMS

A. Master Plan Update – Actions & Strategies Status – Continued

Chair Riley suggested that the Commission review the strategies and actions listed under Outcome #1 to determine if they are placed correctly. Outcome #1 is overarchingly about land protection. There are natural resource items that play into other departments and commissions in the City, so these items need to be well documented within the Master Plan. She requested that an updated draft be sent to each Commissioner after discussions are completed.

The Commission agreed to amend Outcome #1 to read: “A balanced approach to protecting the City’s natural resources.” Mr. Goodwin noted that there is value in catching this today, but the Master Plan is not currently being rewritten at this time.

The Commission reviewed the blue items on the list, beginning with Outcome #1.

1.S.3 – moved to yellow status

1.S.12 – better addressed in the Energy Chapter

1.S.13 – better addressed in the Land Use or Transportation Chapter

1.S.14 – better addressed in the Energy Chapter

1.S.16 – better addressed in the Transportation Chapter

1.S.17 – better addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter

1.S.18 – better addressed in the Energy Chapter

1.A.12 – use to spawn a new action under Outcome #2

1.A.18 – better addressed in the Energy Chapter

1.A.19 – better addressed in the Energy Chapter

2.S.1 - better addressed in the Land Use Chapter if not already there, and consider an amendment to include turbidity and erosion pre/post construction

The Commission agreed to move onto other agenda topics at this time.

B. Farnum Hill Preserve – Rogue Trail

C. Con Com Trail Coordinator Update – NH Recreational Trails Program grant application

Mr. James gave his Trail Coordinator update. There was a Zoom meeting this afternoon regarding reopening the West Lebanon trail from the Fore-U ice cream shop to Best Buy. Chair Riley stated that she hopes those guiding the residents in this project are well-informed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Reports from other committees:

--Conservation Lands Monitors (Various Members)

The Tree Crawl, Wild About Lebanon Walk, was a success. The next Wild About Lebanon event will be an Indian Ridge hike led by Ron Bailey on Friday, June 17th at 10am.

Chair Riley stated that there was a meeting at the East Wilder Conservation Area with an easement steward from the Society of the Protection of NH Forests.

There was a meeting on May 30th with a steward from the Conservation Steward Program at the Alana Cole property regarding properties purchased with LCIP funds. A report from the steward can be shared with the group.

Ms. Almy MOVED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Lacey.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0-0).***

The Heritage Committee is interested in placing signs at certain paths along the Rail Trail and other points in town, including the Mill property. A joint meeting between the two groups might be useful.

Mr. Johnson noted that there are some instances of camping recently at the Mill property. There may need to be better signage that this is disallowed on the parcel. The Commission discussed that there was recently a fire on this parcel and there should be signage noting "No Fires" on the property.

The group is working with the Recreation Department to determine how best to deal with garlic mustard.

There was discussion regarding a project at the Glen Road Dam. It was noted that some Commissioners might like more information about this at a future meeting.

--Lebanon Biodiversity Group (D. Lacey)

--Workshops & Educational Opportunities (Various Members)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Continued Review of Chapter 52 – Conservation Land Regulations

B. Continued Review of the Con Com's Rules & Procedure

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An email from Amelia Sereen was read into the record.

There is an effort in the City to actively engage a Tree Warden and another group working on an ordinance regarding how trees are maintained within the City's rights of way. Chair Riley stated that she would like to prioritize a tree inventory, specifically an ash tree inventory.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude
Recording Secretary