

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 22, 2011
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the 3/16/2011 meeting

PRESENT- Hillary May, Assistant Chair, Lisa Morin,
Leslie Thompson and, Debra Williams

ABSENT- Tobias Paddock, Marnie Schulz and Dean Anson

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by H. May at 6 PM

II. **Old Business:**

a. **Review the notes of the January 31, 2011 work session and minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting.**

L. Morin and L. Thompson had also taken notes at the January 31, 2011 meeting so we will combine our comments and table the minutes until next time.

H. May made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011 as written. The motion was seconded by L. Thompson and passed 2-0-2. L. Morin and D. Williams abstained.

III. **New Business:**

a. **Transfer Station Wildlife Improvement Project -Discussion**

The event will take place on Saturday April 16, 2011. The event will include native planting opportunities and butterfly box construction working with UNH Cooperative Extension Volunteers. 4-H participation is possible. A local Cub Scout group will construct Bat and Blue Bird boxes. The Laconia Conservation Commission will assist with the event. No public participation will be allowed do to safety concerns.

The eventual goal will be to introduce an invasive species kiosk centrally located so as residents drive through the facility they could pull off and learn about what they are throwing away. We would like to encourage New Hampshire DES to use the site to monitor invasive species removal practices up to and including biological eradication of loosestrife.

In the future a larger more public event could be scheduled off site.

b. Feedback from January 31, 2011 open space work session.

Everyone appeared to be pleased with the outcome of the meeting. L. Morin provided some input. It was determined a follow up meeting should be scheduled after March. March 15 was chosen as a date for the next open space meeting. L. Morin and L. Thompson felt it would be difficult to coordinate a meeting that quickly.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

S. McPhie indicated proposals were picking up and by our next meeting we will be reviewing some actual applications again including residential, commercial and industrial uses.

- Permit Sub-Committee – Staff

All permits were taken care of before D. Anson left on his Winter Vacation.

IV. Other Business:

- Subdivision/ Site Plan update –

Three new site plans are scheduled for review at the upcoming Technical Review Committee Meeting (TRC). The LCC will review the Langley Cove 2011 project for 291 condominium units. The property is located on steep slopes with drainage flowing toward Lagley Brook. It has been revised since its last presentation but will now need to conform to additional restrictions.

- River walk tree identification project and date projection

-Will discuss this issue with the Park Recreation Department

- Commissioners Comments

L. Morin indicated the deadline for the upcoming Belknap County Plant sale will be March 3, 2011. She indicated orders will still be taken after that date. S. McPhie suggested L. Morin create a rain garden mix brochure indicating what plants to purchase for a rain garden design. He would then request placement with the city clerk so if individuals come in to apply for a permit they would be educated on Rain Garden design. D. Williams and L. Morin have worked on successful rain garden projects in the past and are excited about educating others in the future.

L. Morin also reminded the LCC that unfriendly environmental legislation was being presented at the State level to eliminate the Shoreland Protection program and weaken dredge and fill requirements.

V. Adjournment:

L. Morin made the motion to adjourn. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.