

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 7, 2010
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved on 4/21/2010

PRESENT- Walter Kalin, **Co. Chair**, Deb. Williams, Leslie Thompson, Dean Anson, and Hillary Martin

ABSENT- Marnie Schulz, Lisa Morin, and Tobias Paddock

STAFF –Scott McPhie, Planning Technician

OTHERS PRESENT- **Robert Durfey, engineer representing Windmill Shores Community Association and Richard Coggin, Windmill shores Representative**

I. **Call to Order**: The March 17, 2010 meeting of the Laconia Conservation Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by W. Kalin.

II. **Old Business**:

Approval of Minutes: 3/17/2010

D. Anson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

a. New Hampshire Department of Transportation- Proposed Weirs and Endicott Street Roundabout –Commission response to designated questions.

The Laconia Conservation Commission (LCC) felt they could not comment accurately until a plan is provided showing drainage, wetland impacts, and storm water runoff issues. The design plan is not available yet and the project will not begin until 2013.

b. Elections

The election item was tabled to a later date.

III. **New Business**:

Appl # PL2010-0039 SP1290 Union Ave Map/Lot 304-220-3 Renewal of Jet Ski rentals

S. McPhie passed around last year's approval letter and D. Anson suggested additional language to assure any spills or other environmental issues occurring away from the dock will be reported and addressed. S. McPhie would pass those suggestions to the department head for review.

Appl # PL2010-0041 CUP Wentworth Cove Rd Map/Lot 160-269-30 Wetland Buffer Incursion for construction driveway/parking area for construction/use of single family unit

S. McPhie read an extensive list of changes to the application before it would meet Planning department and LCC approval. Additional LCC comments were requested. The LCC agreed there should be no disturbance of the wetland buffer and pervious pavement utilized on site decreasing negative impacts to the aquifer and surrounding wetlands.

IV. Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports :

**Permit Sub-Committee – 1 permit by notification, 1 minimum expedited, and 1 standard dredge and fill.
W. Kalin, M. Schulz**

All three permits were placed on hold to be reviewed latter in the week. An additional permit for Windmill Shores was presented to the LCC.

The permit by Notification for Windmill shores beach restoration was presented.

W. Kalin admitted being a member of the association. No one objected to him expressing his opinion as a member of the Commission.

Currently drainage issues are allowing runoff to push sand into Lake Opechee. The proposal tonight is to raise the existing retaining wall and deepen a swale from 6 inches to 8 inches. H. Martin noted the lack of plantings to filter storm water runoff and suggested adding them along the shore. The applicant agreed to do so. D. Anson suggested the Windmill Shores organization work with the City of Laconia to create a permanent fix to the problem. He expressed the current solution

appears to be temporary in nature and will not solve long term drainage issues. S. McPhie asked about fertilizers and the need to include a restriction on their use. S. McPhie distributed copies of the State Shore Land Protection Brochures to hand out to interested residents. D. Anson recommended the association seek a coarser loam to apply to the site to reduce the movement of sand into the Lake.

D. Anson made a motion to approve the project with conditions, including native plantings added to the shore, the addition of sandy coarse soil, include restrictions that no fertilizers will be used on the entire property and discussions with the city to determine if steps can be taken to prevent future wash out events. The motion was seconded by H. Martin and passed 5-0.

V. **Other Business**

D. Anson announced Prescott Farm will host an Amphibian Workshop on Tuesday April 20, 2010.

W. Kalin requested if M. Schulz will be available for Earth Day Activities.

VI. **Adjournment**

D. Anson made the motion to adjourn. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.