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Date: June 22, 2016
To: Susan Desruisseaux, Town Administrator
From: Patty Gale, Planning & Zoning Assistant
Subj.: Conservation Commission Report from the June 22, 2016 Meeting

THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THE MINUTES ARE THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE MEETING.

Discussion of Site Walk and Review/Presentation of Wetlands Impact Permit Application for the Goffstown High School, Wallace Road, Map 6 Lots 97 & 98: (Along with comments from the Site Walk.)

Raymond Labore of the SAU Office #19, Tom Sokoloski of TES Environmental and Dan Tatem of Stantec, were present to explain the proposed wetlands impact they are proposing at the High School property along with changing to the access road to the back of the High School by redesigning the exit to be an entrance and an exit, to help eliminate the cars backing up in the roundabout. The rear access off of Wallace Road will be widened and guardrails will be added as well. Dan Tatem also addressed the concerns with the mitigation of the stream from the site walk that was conducted on June 1, 2016 and explained the need to redirect the stream and drainage to not flood the school and roadway areas. Also explained was the School is applying for grant funding that if the School is awarded will be a very minimal expenditure from the School, with the School only having to cover 25% of the cost.

Dan Tatem explained the proposed changes to the drainage and the stream that will be reconstructed. The Conservation Commission was concerned to the impact of the stream. After further explanation that the buffer will be maintained between the stream and Wallace Road and the mitigation/reconstruction of the stream will improve hydrologic and be sensitive to the environment, the Conservation Commission voted in favor to support the project and send a letter to support the grant funding. The Commission also voted in favor to sign the minimum expedited impact permit.

Department of Public Works Presentation on Alteration of Terrain Permit for Map 5 Lots 24, Town of Goffstown Sports Fields:

Meghan Theriault and Eric Gustafson were present to explain the 15 year project for the recreation sports fields. Meghan explained the reclamation project of the 71 acre parcel that along with the DPW gravel pit, it will have 3 soccer fields, 3 small baseball fields and 1 large baseball field. Also the room for a field house, gravel parking lot, walking paths, playground, dog path and several storm water ponds. Meghan explained this would be done in 3 phases. Meghan explained that she will be changing the ponds from 3 to 5 feet deep and explained the detail of the improvements and protections that will be put in place. The closest point to the wetlands is 40 ft. from the wetlands setback line. Meghan explained that the property slopes in like a bowl and there is a berm around the property and there would be no wetland impacts from the proposed work. Much of the work has been already done.

The Commission stressed concern with protecting the prime wetlands and suggested fencing is placed around the sand pit, and the ponds. A turf management plan should be in place as well. Also there should be protection



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with the turtle nesting. After further discussion, the Commission thanked Meghan and Eric for coming in and explaining the project to them.

The Commission Voted on the Conservation Commission's Recommendations of the June 1, 2016 Site Walk of the Kennedy Hill Road/Addison Road Subdivision, Map 3 Lots 26 & 27 and Sign NHDES Minimum Expedited Permit for the Lamb Subdivision.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the concerns along with the revised plans and voted to support the plans as revised and signed the NHDES Minimum Expedited Wetlands Impact Permit. The Conservation Commission was satisfied with revision to the driveway location out of the wetlands buffer and supported the change to the culvert size to accommodate the stream to flowing through.

The Commission approved the Minutes of April 28, 2016 as printed and will vote on the May 25, 2016 Minutes at the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed the follow Budget: The Conservation Open Space Fund at Citizen's Bank has a balance of \$77,735.13. The Special Milfoil Warrant Article has a balance of \$12,215.00. The People's United Bank CD is at 275,000.00. The Operating Budget Balance is at 4,763.36.

Open Space Committee Report: The Black Briar Easement has been finalized.

Milfoil: Discussion on the breakdown of Warrant Article for each lake, along with a request from Namaske Lake for \$11,000.00. (Namaske Lake will be treating 39 acres, not up to 51 acres as in the Lake Survey from NHDES) The Commission had a lengthy discussion in regards to the funding needed for the Milfoil. After much discussion of the Grants that have been awarded by NHDES, the Conservation Commission voted to commit \$2,014.00 to Goffstown Water Ways for the local amount needed for Diver/Dash to offset the grant awarded for \$1,342.00 with a total cost of \$3,356.00. The Conservation Commission voted to give the remainder to Namaske Lake for their Grant Award. The total given will be the remaining \$10,201.00 from the Special Warrant Article of \$15,000.00, and the \$2,000.00 that is currently in the operating budget for the hand pulling of Milfoil. This totals \$12,201.00 to be used to offset the NHDES grant funding that was awarded to Namaske Lake. The total cost for the Herbicide Treatment is \$30,885.00 and the Diver/Dash total cost is \$8,700.00. The local offsetting cost needed to offset the grant for the Herbicide is \$18,531.00 (NHDES Grant awarded is \$12,354.00) and the local offsetting cost for the Diver/Dash is \$5,220.00 (NHDES Grant Awarded \$5,220.00).

The Commission reviewed the following correspondence:

- 1) NHDES requesting more information for Alteration of Terrain Permit for the Town Sports Fields.
- 2) Letter from NHDES regarding possible violation with the installation of a septic without permits for 103 Jason Drive, Map 6 Lot 24-1 (Building Department has a copy too.)
- 3) NH Conservation's "Picking Our Battles" A Guide to Planning Successful Invasive Plant Management Projects.
- 4) NH Complete Forestry Notification for Martin Allen Trust, 312 Worthley Hill Road, Map 1 Lot 61.
- 5) Copy of NHDES Wetlands Permit Application & Abutter Notification for driveway wetlands crossing for Map 6 Lot 36-1-1, Danis Park Road to building a single family home. (ZBA approved a Special Exception to build the home that will expire in January 2017.)



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- 6) Intent to Cut Permit for Map 1 Lot 61, Worthley Hill Road, Martin Allen Trust.
- 7) Intent to Cut Permit for Map 2 Lots 29, & 32 and Map 5 Lots 102B, Worthley Hill Road, Glen & Bruce Allen Irev. Trust.

Plan Review:

Villa Agustina Athletic Fields Parking Area Site Plan, Map 5 Lot 62, Mast Road. The Conservation Commission had no concerns but recommends adequate drainage system be in place so drainage doesn't sheet across the Rail Trail.

Next Meeting is July 27, 2016:

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.