

Town of Newington, NH

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2012

- Call to Order:** Co-Chairs, Justin Richardson and Jane Hislop called the June 14, 2012 meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- Present:** Justin Richardson, Co-Chair Person; Jane Hislop, Co-Chair; Margaret Lamson; Nancy Cauvet; and Nell Ann Hiatt
- Absent:** George Fletcher; Marge Hislop; Dorene Stern; Jim Weiner; and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner
- Public Guests:** Todd Adelman, TWA, LLC; John Chagnon, PE with Ambit Engineering; Maria Stowell, PDA; Gregg Mikolaities, PE, & VP Tighe&Bond; Gretchen Young, Tighe&Bond

1) Dredge/Fill Application Proposal by **Todd Adelman**, TWA, LLC for a DES Minimum Impact Expedited application for wetlands at 521 Shattuck Way, Map 7, Lot 3

John Chagnon, PE with Ambit Engineering came before the Commission, representing Todd Adelman, TWA, LLC, and requesting recommendation for their Minimum Impact application so they could connect a sewer line from the existing manhole for service to their current building development on Shattuck Way. Mr. Chagnon said the manhole was installed in the 70's, and would go through the adjacent KWA, LLC property which was approved for an extension until 2014, and a wetlands permit until 2015. The Natural Heritage report said there would be no potential impacts to the area. . He added that there is no other sewer connection on Shattuck Way.

Co-Chair, Justin Richardson asked for the status of the site plan review with the Planning Board, and Chagnon said they will be returning to the Board on July 9 to respond to peer review comments. Richardson said he wanted to be sure that the Commission is not in conflict with the Planning Board. Co-Chair, Jane Hislop said she thought signing off on this application alone is not the same as signing off on an entire project. Richardson polled the other commissioners, and they were all in agreement.

Jane Hislop moved to approve the Expedited Minimum Impact application at 521 Shattuck Way, Map 7, Lot 3A for sewer connection. Peggy Lamson seconded, and all were in favor.

B) Proposal by **Farley White Pease, LLC** and **Pease Development Association** to construct a 3-story, 66,975 square foot expansion to their office building at 100 Arboretum Way, along with associated infrastructure. Commissioner, Peggy Lamson who also serves as a representative on the PDA Board excused herself from the discussion.

Gretchen Young with Tighe&Bond Engineering representing Todd Farley White Pease, LLC and the PDA came before the Commission for endorsement to their landscape plans at their proposed office lot expansion site. Ms. Young said the landscape plan will continue in the same vein, with a natural berm, and a rain garden

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vegetated with native plants. Gregg Mikolaities, PE, & VP with Tighe&Bond said they used to have two storm water treatments in the buffer, and the new proposal would move those out of the wetlands buffer area.

Justin Richardson asked about their plans for storm water management, and Gretchen said the flow would continue to move outward toward the treatment areas. Richardson then asked what infiltration would the rain garden hold before moving to the detention area. Mr. Mikolaities said it was designed for a 50-year storm., and Richardson asked what would happen if a storm greater than a 50-year storm as has occurred over the last few years. Mikolaities said the berm would contain the overflow, and if it were higher, the water would flow to the back.

Jane Hislop asked about maintenance of the rain garden in the case of a large flood, and Mikolaities said treatment would be better once plantings were established.

Commissioner, Nancy Cauvet commented that sugar maples are easily damaged by salt and wet areas, and white pines often lose their lower limbs. Mikolaities said he could have the landscape architect check the health of existing trees and report back to the Planning Board. Mikolaities also asked the Commission if they had a list of preferred species for future reference, and the Commission said they did. Justin Richardson also reviewed the landscaping guidelines for them, and Mikolaities said their firm was one of the first to set and use those guidelines.

Jane Hislop moved to recommend approval for the landscaping plan for 100 Arboretum Drive, Map 33 as indicated on sheet 4 of the packet, stipulating the need to check the health of the existing sugar maple and white pine trees, and modifying the plan if there are any issues with their health. Nancy Cauvet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Correspondence: There was a brief discussion regarding DES correspondence on the Mazeau property subdivision proposal, the potential for wetlands disturbance at the back lot driveway, setbacks and the upcoming ZBA application.

Minutes: Nancy Cauvet moved to accept the Minutes of May 14, 2012. Jane Hislop seconded and all approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2012

**Respectfully
Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary