

Town of Newington, NH

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 16, 2014

- Call to Order:** Chair, Jane Hislop called the October 16, 2014 meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Present:** Chair, Jane Hislop; Cindy Gunn; Ann Morton; Jane Kendall; Jim Weiner; and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner
- Absent:** Bill Murray
- Public Guests:** Mick Sheffield with Labrie Associates; Jill Ferrell and Julia Peterson with NROC

1) **Old Business:** Consideration of a proposed salt substitute at Tyco

Mr. Mick Sheffield of who takes care of properties on Woodbury Avenue, including the Olive Garden and National Tire and Battery said he put in a bid for the snowplowing contract for Tyco. He said their site plan required that no road salt be used, but most salt alternatives are only sold in bags it would be impossible to load bags into a truck and the previous contractor. He said he would like Magic Salt, which worked down to negative 30 degrees. He said he was looking for a letter from the Commission so that Tyco would approve the contract. Commissioner Cindy Gunn said she used to live in Bow where they used the liquid form and there was a problem inclines when it turned liquid. Mr. Sheffield said they were not using the liquid form.

Jim Weiner moved to have Town Planner, Tom Morgan write a letter to Contracting Officer, Don LaSalle and Wayne Stiles of Tyco to allow the use of Magic Salt. Cindy Gunn seconded the motion and all in were in favor.

2) **Community Education:** NH Sea Grant, Cooperative Extension and PREP (NROC)

Ms. Jill Ferrell and Julia Peterson of NROC returned to the Commission to discuss community education. Ms. Ferrell brought in septic folders from Granite State Designers and Installers Association. She said they could be ordered on line and could be purchased at a discount to members. Commissioner Morton agreed to call Coz loccovazi to see if he could get them with his discount. Discussion ensued regarding distribution at the Town Hall and Langdon Library as well as at local events such as elections, Town Meeting, and possibly school events. Ms. Ferrell said the EPA also had kid friendly septic system information she could share. Commissioner Gunn suggested they also set up a display model from Granite State Installers at the library.

Discussion continued regarding mailing out a septic information sheet to households. Chair Hislop said the Board of Selectmen pointed out that most of the town

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was not on septic, but not all. Tom Morgan said they should contact Denis Messier the sewer plant for the accurate information.

Commissioners discussed printing of 900 the septic smart sheets on thick stock with vibrant colors along with Avery business cards with the Town seal that would say, "This copy is provided by the Town of Newington Conservation Commission. For more information: www.newington.nh.us." Ms. Ferrell said she could make a PDF of the septic smart sheet for the town website and she would also post the information on Facebook and the PREP website. It was agreed that Commissioner Weiner said he would handle the mailing after elections.

Additional discussion ensued regarding having a table at the polling station from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ms. Peterson said after the workshops, they could offer confidential, non-regulatory site visits for interested households. Commissioner Kendall said she would set up an email to contact the Commission at NewingtonConCom@gmail.com.

Chair Hislop recommended that Ms. Ferrell and Ms. Peterson return again for the second Thursday of January meeting after they received responses back from the mailing.

3) AoT Applications: NH Air National Guard

Mr. Morgan said they just received the request on September 23, 2014, but DES required comment before October 7, 2014, which had already passed, and very little information had been provided on the application. Chair Hislop said DES only gave them two weeks to comment and the Commission only met on the second Thursday of the month. Mr. Morgan said he would call DES for more information.

Jim Weiner moved to take no action on the NH Air National Guard Alteration of Terrain application because there was insufficient information. Jane Hislop seconded and all were in favor.

Minutes: *Cindy Gunn moved to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2014 with corrections. Ann Morton seconded, and all were in favor.*

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 8:17: p.m.*

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2014

Respectfully
Submitted by: Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary