

Town of Newington, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 8, 2017

- Call to Order:** Co-Chair Jane Hislop called the June 8, 2017 meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Present:** Co-Chair Jane Hislop; Ann Morton; Alternate Jane Kendall
- Absent:** Co-Chair Weiner; Commissioners Sandra Devin; Bill Murray; and Town Planner, Gerald Coogan
- Public Guests:** Chris Lucas, Certified Wetlands Scientist with Lucas Environmental; Steve Glowacki with RJ O'Connell and Associates, Inc, Civil Engineers, Surveyors and Land Planners

Co-Chair Hislop announced that she had only heard from Commissioner Devins that she would not be in attendance for the meeting, however half of the Commission was present to form a quorum.

1) Eversource Mitigation and Conservation Easements: Review of conservation easement agreement draft and purchase and sale easement for John and Meg Ripley easement proposal at their property at 50 Old Post Road, Map 17, Lot 15.

Co-Chair Hislop announced that the applicants were not present and delayed this item to hear applicants that were present.

2) NHDES Wetlands Permit Applications:

- a) Request by Christine and Todd Gagliana to install rip-rap on the seawall of their property located at 101 Patterson Lane, Tax Map 14, Lot 14.

Co-Chair Hislop announced that the applicants were not present and delayed this item to hear applicants that were present.

- b) Request for an Expedited Minimum Impact Permit by the Crossings Mall for the construction of a PetSmart at 45 Gosling Road, Tax Map 34, Lot 3

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Co-Chair Hislop noted that the location of the application was at the Crossings Mall, not the Fox Run Mall as had been listed on the agenda.

Chris Lucas, Certified Wetlands Scientist with Lucas Environmental presented a brief history of the site where Sullivan Tire had previously been at the Crossings Mall across from Kohls.

Mr. Lucas stated that their plan had been reviewed by Newington wetlands consultant, Mark West and they had flagged all the wetlands and done an adjustment on the wetlands line that ran along Route-16 Spaulding Turnpike. He added that a truck had run through the wetlands a couple of years earlier and created ruts that created the wetlands.

Mr. Lucas said they would demolish the existing site and restore the setbacks upon completion.

Co-Chair Hislop asked if there were culverts for water running off the highway. Mr. Lucas replied that there were no culverts, but there was a wall. Steve Glowacki with RJ O'Connell and Associates added that the runoff was funneled.

Mr. Glowacki went on to say that currently water sheeted off the parking lot and the plans for the storm water design would include a collection system with an oil water separator, a flow bay with another oil separator, a trench drain and a detention system that would discharge to another level spreader to reduce the peak flows and treat water quality.

Mr. Glowacki added that they also were doing a robust landscape plan with a buffer of trees. Co-Chair Hislop asked if the tree species were resistant to salt and Mr. Glowacki replied that their landscape designer worked on shopping centers and was familiar with salt resistant species.

Co-Chair Hislop informed the applicant that they would need a maintenance management plan that would include mowing, watering and fall clean up to go with their landscaping plan that the Conservation Commission could sign off on. Mr. Lucas replied that they hadn't included their maintenance plan in the proposal. Mr. Glowacki stated they their landscape maintenance plan would be included with the drainage maintenance plan.

Co-Chair Hislop stated that the Town Planner was not in attendance and asked Commissioner Jane Kendall, who also was the recording secretary for the Planning Board what procedure they should follow. Commissioner Kendall stated that the Commission would need to make a motion of approval of the landscape plans and then the Planning Board would review the site plan for approval. Co-Chair Hislop asked the applicant to forward a copy of the maintenance plan to Town administrative assistant, Eleanor Boy and bring a copy of the maintenance plan to the Commission's next meeting.

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Jane Kendall moved to recommend approval of the Expedited Minimum Impact Permit by the Crossings Mall for the construction of a PetSmart at 45 Gosling Road, Tax Map 34, Lot 3. Ann Morton seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Co-Chair Hislop asked when the project would be done and Mr. Glowacki said they were in the process of obtaining bids for site contractors and the Newington building inspector supported the granting of a variance for accessory use.

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Co-Chair Hislop announced that the applicants were still not present. She said Mr. Coogan put the item on the agenda, but she had not received any calls or documentation providing additional information for discussion.

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- a) Request by Christine and Todd Gagliana to install rip-rap on the seawall of their property located at 101 Patterson Lane, Tax Map 14, Lot 14.

Co-Chair Hislop announced that the applicants were not still not present to discuss their permit request.

Correspondence and Discussions:

Co-Chair Hislop informed the Commission that she was working on the results of the survey from the June Conservation Commission Community Education Outreach, and would email them.

Co-Chair Hislop said she thought that it would be a good idea for Newington to obtain and show the film on Great Bay for anyone that was not able to attend the showing in Durham. She said she would ask the Langdon librarian if they would be interested in showing the film.

Co-Chair Hislop announced that the Conservation Law Foundation's Great Bay and Piscataqua Waterkeeper, Jeff Barnhum was retiring and Melissa Paly would be taking his place.

Minutes: *Co-Chair Hislop moved to approve the Minutes for the June 8, 2017. Ann Morton seconded, and all were in favor.*

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

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Next Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2017

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