

**ACTION SHEET  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**1 JUNKINS AVENUE  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**3:30 P.M.**

**September 14, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Barbara McMillan; Vice Chair Samantha Collins; Members: Allison Tanner, Lynn Vaccaro, and Jessica Blasko

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Thaddeus Jankowski, Mika Court and Alternate: Abigail Gindele

**ALSO PRESENT:** Peter Britz, Environmental Planner/Sustainability Coordinator

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**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. August 10, 2022

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted to **approve** the minutes as amended.*

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**II. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS (NEW BUSINESS)**

1. 124 Kensington Road  
Neal L. Ouellett & Darlene L. Furbush- Ouellett Revocable Trust, Owners  
Map 152, Lot 20

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted to recommend **approval** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following **stipulations**:*

1. *There will be signage placed within the buffer or the wetland itself stating that this is an environmentally-sensitive wetland area.*
  2. *There is to be a note placed in the deed that a maintenance plan is required for the permeable hardscaping areas on site as well as the storm-water systems. This note will also be added to the Site Plans prior to Planning Board approval.*
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**III. STATE WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (OLD BUSINESS)**

1. Major Impact  
41 Pickering Avenue  
Esthers Marina, LLC, Owner  
Map 102, Lot 25

*At the applicant's request, the Commission voted to **postpone** the State Wetlands Bureau Application to the October 12, 2022 meeting.*

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#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

##### A. Sustainable Land Care Outreach and Ordinance Update and Discussion

Chair McMillan said the subcommittee met and had a presentation from an associate with the Dover Pesticide Free Group, who also put together a website for the commission. She said Kate Homet also put together a brochure. She said she spoke with Ms. Homet, Mr. Britz, and Ms. Vaccaro about having another subcommittee to review the brochure and get another draft out and that Ms. Homet would forward it to the larger committee. She said the audience would be people who wanted information about regulations associated with sustained land care. The commission discussed holding a meeting on October 19.

Ms. Tanner said she was concerned about tree cutting and losing carbon sequestration capability and suggested that it be included as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or site plan review regulations. She suggested this recommendation could be presented to the City Council or more appropriately incorporate into recommendations through the upcoming Climate Action Plan.

There was also discussion about a City-wide tree inventory.

##### B. Conservation Lands Update and Funding Discussion

Ms. Tanner asked if the commission had to provide justification for the conservation lands update as listed in the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). Mr. Britz said that there was \$500,000 in the CIP. He suggested that if the commission wanted to continue to support this recommendation, they should state that they support it.

Ms. Blasko **moved** to give Chair McMillan the authority to write a letter on the commission's behalf to the City Council in support of keeping the \$500,000 in the CIP towards land conservation, seconded by Ms. Tanner. The motion **passed** unanimously.

##### C. New Hampshire Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan Workshop Dates

Ms. Vaccaro said she was part of the team and that Ms. Tanner had also signed up to attend the workshop. Mr. Britz said there were a few different dates and that the commissioners should decide who would attend which workshop so that there wasn't a quorum. Ms. Tanner noted that there was also a climate summit. Chair McMillan added that there was a stormwater funding workshop; Ms. Vaccaro said she could get more information on it for the commission.

The commission discussed whether a separate meeting was needed for the Conservation Lands Update and if it should be held at the end of a regular Conservation Commission meeting.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

*At 5:00p.m., the Commission voted to **adjourn** the meeting.*