

**ACTION SHEET
REGULAR MEETING
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1 JUNKINS AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

4:00 P.M.

August 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Barbara McMillan; Members: Lynn Vaccaro, Jessica Blasko, Stewart Sheppard, Alternate: Brian Gibb, Talia Sperduto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Samantha Collins, Adam Fitzpatrick, Alice Carey

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Homet; Associate Environmental Planner, Peter Britz;
Planning and Sustainability Director

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 10, 2024

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the July meeting minutes with the following edit:

1. *The second sentence in the last paragraph on Page 8 should read 'The applicants' and not 'They applicants'.*

II. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (OLD BUSINESS)

1. 100 Durgin Lane
Oak Street Real Estate Capital, Owner
Assessor Map 239 Lot 18

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 6-0 to postpone this application until the September meeting.

III. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE**
913 Sagamore Avenue
Hogswave LLC, Owner

Assessor Map 223 Lot 27

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 6-0 to postpone this application until the September meeting.

IV. STATE WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. Dredge and Fill – Major Impact
90 Maplewood Avenue
City of Portsmouth, Owner
Assessor Map 125 Lot 19 and Map 124 Lot 2

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of this application to NHDES with the following recommendation:

1. *A five-year monitoring plan is required to ensure success of this project, the associated plantings, and any necessary maintenance.*

2. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE**
Dredge and Fill – Minor Impact
913 Sagamore Avenue
Hogswave LLC, Owner
Assessor Map 223 Lot 27

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend postponement of this application to NHDES.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Grants

Ms. Homet discussed two upcoming grant projects that had just been awarded to the City regarding buffer revitalization for both freshwater and coastal wetlands.

2. Wetland Boundary Marker Update

Ms. Homet announced that wetland boundary marker sales had broken even compared to the initial purchase order cost.

3. Conservation Easement Update

Commissioners discussed the project proposal by SELT to purchase a conservation easement over a property in Portsmouth. Upcoming meetings and opportunities for support by the Commission were discussed.

4. Lonza Volunteer Day

Ms. Homet discussed an upcoming volunteer opportunity for Lonza employees that

Commissioners were also invited to attend. This opportunity includes trail clearing and cleanup at the Great Bog.

5. SCA New Hampshire Project

Ms. Homet and Davis Brush (NH SCA) presented on a potential upcoming Student Conservation Association project at the Great Bog for a footbridge to cross the wet area at the bottom of the trailhead to promote trail use and passive recreation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.