

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

4:00 P.M.

September 11, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Samantha Collins; Vice Chair Barbara McMillan; Members: Lynn Vaccaro, Jessica Blasko, Stewart Sheppard, Adam Fitzpatrick, Alice Carey Alternate: Brian Gibb, Talia Sperduto

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 14, 2024

After due deliberation, the Commission voted to approve the August minutes (5-0) with the following revision:

- 1. Alice Carey be removed from the attendance.*

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 (7-0) to recommend approval of this application to the Planning Board with the following conditions:

- 1. Applicant clarify the mowing plan for the passive areas within the buffer, which should be not be mowed more than 1 to 2 times per year.*
- 2. Applicant should have a conversation with the Department of Public Works to determine the curbing to be used within the roundabout area and use broken and/or slanted curbing*

for wildlife passage, if appropriate.

3. *An educational sign should be installed in the passive recreation area that provides content on wetlands, wetland buffers and the sensitivity of the buffers.*
4. *In accordance with Section 10.1018.40 of the Zoning Ordinance, applicant shall install permanent wetland boundary markers. We suggest that these markers are placed along the 25' vegetative buffer at intervals of every 50 feet. These must be installed prior to the start of any construction. These can be purchased through the City of Portsmouth Planning and Sustainability Department. Please mark on final plan set where the markers are to be placed.*
5. *One year after landscaping is complete, if at least an 80% success rate has not been reached, applicants will replant and report back to the Planning & Sustainability Department one year after planting is complete and each subsequent year until an 80% planting success rate has been achieved.*

III. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. 913 Sagamore Avenue
Hogswave LLC, Owner
Assessor Map 223 Lot 27

After due deliberation, the Commission voted 7-0 to postpone this application until the October meeting.

IV. STATE WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. Dredge and Fill – Minor Impact
913 Sagamore Avenue
Hogswave LLC, Owner
Assessor Map 223 Lot 27

The Commission did not deliberate on this application due to the draft status of the permit and the postponement of the WCUP.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Conservation Easement Update

Commissioners discussed the 100-acre wood conservation easement which is under contract between SELT and the property owner. The most recent City Council meeting was discussed in which the Councilors voted to expend up to \$1,000,000 from the Conservation Fund to support the easement acquisition by SELT.

Additionally, Ms. Homet informed the Commission that a footbridge in the Great Bog would

have to be put on hold due to time constraints with state permitting and the NH Student Conservation Association deadline.

J. Blasko brought up the City's Climate Action Plan, Portsmouth's Climate Future, and wanted to find time in an upcoming meeting to review the plan contents and find pieces of it that were applicable to the review of WCUP applications. Ms. Homet and J. Blasko will work on a guide for using the plan within WCUP review.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.