

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting Room: <https://zoom.us/j/391999850>
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

April 13, 2020

Members Present:

Regular Members: Mr. B. Pollock, Mrs. S. Martinez, Ms. K. Peterson
Absent Members: Mr. B. Rolfe, Mrs. D. Pendergast, Mr. N. Brown, Mr. M. Schofield

Other Present:

Mr. Neil Irvine, Dr. Rick Van de Poll, Ms. Erin Darrow- Right Angle Engineering

Call to order:

Mr. Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes

N/A

Correspondence

None

**SNAKE RIVER
CONSERVATION AREA
PARKING AREA REVISION-
ERIN DARROW, P.E.,
C.P.E.S.C., RIGHT
ANGLE ENGINEERING, PLLC.
AND RICK VAN DER POLL.**

Mr. Irvine stated:

“As Chair of the Conservation Commission, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.[1] All members of the [Board, Council, or Commission] have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #1-253-215-8782, or by using the previously posted website address.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

(Conservation Commission, April 13, 2019)

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d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law”.

Quorum at said time was not reached with only two members. Meeting will be conducted as an informational meeting.

Ms. Darrow gave brief overview of changes made to current design of parking area; she has gotten feedback from Dr. Van de Poll regarding modifications. Current design plans include a 3-4 ft. high, shallow retaining wall which will decrease the impact going out into the wetlands and creates treatment of the storm water runoff before it discharges into the wetlands. Also included is Japanese Knotweed remediation that is a potential issue that needs to be addressed. She noted that Knotweed located at the site has the potential to move further down river if it is not removed. Dr. Van de Poll discussed concerns regarding the culverts in the area and the importance of filtration into the prime wetlands.

At 7:09 Ms. Peterson joined meeting forming quorum.

Mr. Irvine re- stated “Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.”

Dr. Van de Poll is very supportive of current design. He will schedule a time with Ms. Darrow and Mr. Pollock to look at the area in person.

Ms. Darrow will continue to follow-up with NHDOT and DES. Dr. Van de Poll will draft a letter of support that will be submitted to NHDOT and DES with application request for additional information.

There was discussion of potential grants available for funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Due to current circumstances, there is uncertainty of meeting space for May meeting. Mr. Irvine stated that should we be able to meeting in public, potential utilization of the public safety building may be possible.

Mrs. Martinez made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Peterson at 7:40 p.m. *Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez