

Town of Farmington
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Dave Connolly, Chairman
Randy Orvis, Vice Chairman
Bill Fisher
Charlie King, Selectmen's Rep.
John Law
Patience Taylor
Laura Bogardus, Secretary

Commission Members Absent:

Richard Ballou

Others Present:

Bob and Debbie Leary
David Leary
Alena Warren, District Manager,
SCCD
Patti Connaughton-Burns, Executive
Director, MMRG

1). Call to Order:

Chairman Connolly called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2). Pledge of Allegiance:

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). Public Comment: None.

4). MMRG/Leary:

A).Leary Property Proposal- Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns told the members that the Leary family approached the MMRG seeking help putting their land into conservation. The 63 acre parcel abuts a 79 acre parcel already in conservation and is noted for its 34 acres of forest and fields and 29 acres of active farms she said.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said the MMRG was excited about the proposal because the parcel contains prime soils which are considered important statewide and locally. The future of farms often includes development because the soil is perfect and easier to develop because there are no trees on the property to be cleared. People are going to need food and local sources are important she said.

She said some nice features of this property include hiking and snow shoeing, beautiful vistas from Hornetown Road and spectacular views from the top of hill on the west slope of the property.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said the Leary's also asked MMRG to budget for ways to encourage other forms of low-impact recreation at the site and plans include educational outreach programs, a parking area for 4 to 6 cars, a kiosk, some signage and some maps. There will be some restrictions during haying periods but for the most part the parcel will be open to low-impact recreation she said.

She said the site generally drains in the direction of the wetlands resource reserve and there is a

tributary called Clay Pit Brook. The brook flows to the Mad River which is a tributary to the Cocheco River and is considered the headwaters for residential drinking water for communities downstream. The brook and the surrounding land areas are home to many sensitive species and the Leary's have documented a number of uncommon birds, mammals and fish there.

Mr. King asked if the green parcels depicted on the map were other conservation properties.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said the green areas are the wetland reserve, the Thompson property and the Widow Maker Farm in New Durham which shares a boundary marker with Farmington.

The area outlined in red is the parcel that will be conserved. When all of the properties are placed in conservation there will be thousands of acres connected from the Blue Hills Conservation Foundation to the Leary property she said.

Mr. Orvis asked how all of the properties mentioned were connected.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said there is only 1 small piece of land on Meaderboro Road between the Widow Maker Farm and the Thompson property that is not included and is not directly connected to the other pieces.

Mr. Connolly asked if the low impact recreational activities will include fishing and hunting.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said those activities will be allowed on the property. She added there is no water for fishing on the Leary property but it abuts a property that does have water.

Ms. Taylor said it is a beautiful piece of property and the Leary's have given her permission to hike the property several times.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said that this is a fund raising effort and the group must raise the transaction funds and the funds to pay the costs for long term stewardship of the property. She said they have already applied for a grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, an LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) grant and plan to apply for Moose Plate funds and to conduct outreach to their members and residents of Farmington and surrounding communities.

She then asked the commission to consider making a grant of \$10,000 to the project.

Motion: (Connolly, second Orvis) to donate \$5,000 to the Leary conservation project

Discussion: Mr. Orvis asked if the commission has received any current use penalties this year.

Mr. Connolly said the town has not received any current use penalty payments this year.

Mr. King said this is because people have not been taking their property out of current use for development over the last few years due to the lack of pressure to build in the area.

Mr. Orvis said this may change again soon as the lot prices have increased enough to make it worthwhile to subdivide and to build roads for those lots.

Mr. King asked if mountain biking will be allowed on the trails on the property.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said that wheeled vehicles will not be allowed on the property as the trails are not large enough to handle that activity.

Mr. Connolly asked if there are snowmobile trails currently going through the property.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said there are no snow mobile trails going through the property.

Mr. Orvis said he noticed that the existing road way was excluded from the easement and asked if the sugar bush (forest stand used for the collection of maple syrup) extends into this portion of

the property.

Mr. Leary said most of the sugar bush is located in the northeast section of the property but there is some sugar bush in the wetlands area and along the edges of the fields.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said the easement will allow for forestry related activities.

Ms. Bogardus asked if the trails on the property are currently open to the public.

Mr. Leary said the trails are open and lots of people hike and ride horses there.

Mr. King asked about the location of the signage and the kiosk.

Mr. Leary said the parking area and signage will be located near the existing saw mill on Hornetown Road about half way between Ten Rod Road and Meaderboro Road right at the crest of the hill.

Vote- The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Connolly asked Ms. Connaughton-Burns to keep the commission informed about the progress of the project and asked if a Grand Opening is planned.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said there will be a Grand Opening and that she also planned to come back to commission next month to discuss a possible conservation plan for Farmington.

Mr. Leary said they planned to return to the commission at some point in the process to discuss the Class VI road way that goes through the property and has been closed for about 4 years.

Mr. Connolly asked if the commission will be considered as a third party on the easement.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said the LCHIP grant administrators will be the second executor on the easement and the commission is welcome to become the third executor if they choose to do so.

B). Hay Day -Mr. Connolly then asked if MMRG planned to attend the Hay Day celebration on Aug. 19.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said they will attend the event and that she and her colleagues will come up with a plan for a display.

5). SCCD- Alena Warren:

A). Forum Topics- Mr. Connolly told Strafford County Conservation District (SCCD) Manager Alena Warren that the commission is always looking to do community education outreach and asked what the district could provide for topics and speakers to increase public education on conservation.

Ms. Warren said event planning is part of her job and offered to help the members find speakers for future events. She asked what topics the members were interested in.

Mr. Connolly said topics of interest include the Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive bugs, invasive plants, the moose, the karner blue butterfly, the New England cottontail rabbit and permaculture.

Mr. Orvis suggested offering a program on general wildlife identification and their habits following some discussions on social media about bears and porcupines.

Ms. Warren said such a program could include what is normal behavior for local wildlife, how to tell if an animal may be rabid, when to call NH Fish and Game and how to minimize problems caused by wildlife.

She suggested it would also be good to get the word out about invasive bugs such as the

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and the Emerald Ash Borer so people will know what to be on the lookout for.

Mr. Orvis asked if the local hemlocks are being killed by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid as he has seen them turning brown in wooded areas and doubted that it is because of their sensitivity to road salt out in the woods.

Ms. Warren said she did not think there are any of the insects in this area but has heard there may be some in the Concord area. She advised residents to be on the lookout for a fuzzy white material which is a sign their presence in the area.

Mr. Connolly asked if Ms. Warren has assisted other Cons Com's in putting on public forums and what works best-week nights or weekends for public attendance to a forum.

Ms. Warren said it depends on the target audience but that she favored week nights in general for general public attendance. She suggested if the aim was to get people who work during the day to attend that scheduling the forum at 6 p.m. on a week night generally works best.

Mr. Connolly asked for the average attendance figure for their previous forums.

Ms. Warren said the number attending varies a lot but really depends on how well the event is advertised. She said the commission seems to have good connections with residents and suggested they work together to develop flyers, posters and e-mail advertising for any upcoming events to be hosted by the commission.

Mr. Connolly said the commission would provide the venue and said that he asked about potential attendance because one location will hold more people than the other location.

Ms. Warren said she could assist with advertising the event in the neighboring towns.

Ms. Taylor asked to have the Goodwin Library put on the SCCD mailing list and they would help to get the word out about upcoming events.

Ms. Warren asked if the commission was interested in hosting a general talk on what permaculture is or if they are looking for more detailed information.

Mr. Connolly said he did not think many people are familiar with the topic and was looking to get some general knowledge of the subject out to the public. He added that he wasn't aware if anyone was practicing the procedure in this area.

Ms. Warren said she thought it would be a good topic as it would pull in a different group of people such gardeners and farmers, than the audience for wildlife habits. She then asked for a potential timeline for the events.

Mr. Connolly said previous forums were held in the spring or fall.

Mr. Orvis suggested the wildlife identification and habits should be held in late winter or early spring just before the animals come out of hibernation and become active.

Mr. Connolly asked if Ms. Warren had any suggestions for forum topics.

She said her group covers more agricultural topics such as crops and soil health and they could put something together relating to agriculture. She said recent topics of interest include turtles and their habitat, aquatic species passages and road issues, pollinators and other beneficial insects' habitats.

Mr. Connolly asked how long it would take to organize a forum.

Ms. Warren recommended they start to book a speaker a few months before the forum date and to begin advertising for the event about one month ahead of time.

Mr. Connolly suggested they plan to schedule a forum in August or September and asked what topic might fit well with that time of year.

Ms. Bogardus suggested a forum on permaculture may be more suited for later in the year such as in October so attendees would have time to prepare the soil surfaces to “winter over” and to create garden beds with that method. She suggested the beneficial insects may be more suitable for spring.

Consensus of the members was to host a forum on permaculture sometime in late Sept. or mid-Oct.

Ms. Warren said she would get started looking for a speaker and narrow down a date.

Mr. Connolly said Ms. Warren has the timeframe the members are looking for and the contacts and once they receive a commitment from a speaker they can begin to produce the flyers and other advertising for the event.

Turtles- Mr. Connolly asked if Ms. Warren knew who he could speak to at UNH about turtles. Ms. Warren said she was not sure who to speak to and asked what type of questions Mr. Connolly had about turtles.

Mr. Connolly said there seems to be turtle crossing problem on Main Street at the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Orvis noted that there are wetlands in that area and a lot of gravel surfaces that are great for laying eggs.

Mr. Connolly said he would like to know what can be done to help the situation.

Mr. Fisher suggested they get the turtles a crossing guard.

Ms. Warren said she would find someone to answer the questions and there are many things that can be done depending on the features in the area.

Mr. King asked if there is a culvert crossing in that area.

Mr. Connolly said he did not think a culvert crossing exists in that area.

Mr. Orvis said there is a culvert near the power lines but that most of time it is flooded and not passable. He added that turtles seem to like concrete culverts more than plastic ones as they are a more natural surface.

Mr. Law suggested turtles could be included in a wildlife workshop and noted that turtles are everywhere in the Bay Road/Waldron Road areas and they don't use culverts to cross- they use the road. Just making people more aware of them would be a big help he said.

Ms. Warren said she would get back to Mr. Connolly with a “turtle person” contact to answer his questions.

Mr. Connolly thanked Ms. Warren for attending the meeting and helping the commission to improve their community educational outreach.

Ms. Warren asked if the members were familiar with what the Conservation District does. She said they work mostly with soil, water and wildlife habitat issues and asked the members to tell anyone they know with such concerns that they are here to help.

B). Hay Day- Mr. Connolly asked if the SCCD would be a participant with the Con Com at this year's Hay Day celebration.

Ms. Warren asked what participating would entail for the group.

Mr. Connolly said they would need to show up with "propaganda" and the commission would provide the table, chairs and shade. He said it is an opportunity for the group to put themselves out there in the public eye.

Ms. Warren said they would plan to attend the event.

6). Mary Ann DiTaranto/Farmington High School Biology:

Mr. Connolly said Ms. DiTaranto is a teacher at FHS who contacted him about outreach to her biology classes. Ms. DiTaranto did not attend the meeting.

7). Review of Minutes:

April 12, 2017- Page 1, Others Present and Page 8, Old Business, MMRG Annual Meeting- amend "Sorenson" to "Sorensen"

Motion: (Law, second Fisher) to approve the minutes as amended passed 6-0-1 (King abstained).

May 10, 2017 – Public Meeting Minutes- No errors or omissions

Motion: (King, second Bogardus) to approve the minutes as written passed 7-0.

May 10, 2017- Non-Public Meeting Minutes- No errors or omissions

Motion: (King, second Taylor) to approve the minutes as written passed 7-0.

8). Old Business:

A). Canoe Launch- Mr. Connolly said that he and Mr. Law took a walk out to the canoe launch off Coheco Road next to the Transfer Station and viewed the situation there.

Mr. Law said they did a walk around on what was formerly the access to the river on the entrance side to the land fill. He said they observed some potential safety concerns and noted that area is overgrown with small brush. The parking area next to the access road is relatively small and getting a kayak on or off a vehicle at that location might be a little risky as it is close to road and the owner would need to swing the kayak out over the road to load or unload it. He said he was concerned about the amount of traffic in and out of landfill conflicting with the people trying to get access to the river and that there is limited visibility coming out of the landfill.

Mr. Law said he also took a walk on the other side of the river and took photos of the access to the water. He said at the existing launch site there is a 2-3 foot drop to the river and on the other side of the river there are 2 access points already cut out. There is a very slight incline/decline there with only about a 6 inch drop to the river from the top of the soil line. The photos show the before and after of vehicles passing at both locations and there appears to be better visibility down the road from the other side of the river. He said he is unsure as to the status of the property but he would recommend placing the launch on the property on the other side of the river as opposed to where it is now.

Mr. Connolly said the property on the other side of the river is for sale and there is a potential buyer for the property who is planning a commercial use for the property. He said he met with the potential buyer at the site and he was also present at the Planning Board meeting when they

presented their conceptual design to the board. The potential owners are willing to accommodate the commission in sprucing up the access point and installing a small parking area to allow access to the river for canoeists and kayaks. If the plan does come to fruition they would give the commission a right-of-way easement to the new launch site he said.

Mr. Orvis said when the existing launch site was built in 1992 or 1993 its character was completely different. He said the brush there now was not there then and noted that brush grows fast. He added that a client of his is also interested in the property and that he walked the site with his client recently.

Mr. Connolly said things are in the very early stages and the members will have to wait to see which way it goes.

Mr. Orvis said the potential owner made a presentation to the Planning Board and it never came up that most of the property is located in the flood plain although what they proposed is compatible with the flood plain.

Mr. King said there is a separate piece of property with frontage on Route 153 in the front of the parcel and asked if Mr. Orvis was able to determine who currently owns it.

Mr. Orvis said he was not able to determine the owner of that piece as he has not gotten that far into the research of the property.

Mr. Orvis said his client would consider tearing down the existing house and putting in an entrance to the property directly across from the entrance to the Sarah Greenfield Business Park. He said they would break up the property into commercial lots and use the flood plain to install solar panels to generate electric power which would be compatible with the flood plain.

Mr. Connolly thanked Mr. Law for all of his efforts in walking the site and completing a report that is available for review.

B). Hay Day Expenditure- Mr. Connolly said that last month the commission voted to expend a certain amount of money to have a booth at Hay Day but since that time he found out that the prices have gone up from \$25 per space to \$30 per space. He said the commission also discussed having the Seacoast Eat Local van participate at the booth site but the Rec. Dept. will consider the van space as a fourth space for the commission.

Motion: (Fisher, second Bogardus) to expend an additional \$45 for 4 spaces at Hay Day

Mr. King said he was not aware of the price increase as a Selectmen and that he had nothing positive to say about it. He said he would have been opposed to the price increase.

Mr. Fisher said the increase was discussed at a recent board meeting when Mr. King was absent.

Mr. Connolly gave Mr. King a copy of the booth space application and asked him to review the section that listed the prices. He said he did not see a \$30 price level listed on the form. He added that they are a Town commission and asked which category on the form the commission falls under.

Mr. King said there isn't even a space on the form for 501c non-profit organizations.

Mr. Connolly noted that he didn't have a problem paying for the spaces as they are requesting prime spots at the event and that he doesn't have a problem contributing to the event.

Vote- The motion passed 7-0.

C). Any Other Old Business-

1). Ronci Property-Mr. Orvis said that back in April the members discovered they could not do what they wanted to do at the Ronci parcel (to install a handicapped fishing access) but he said he still feels they could put a picnic area there.

Mr. Connolly said he just received the map developed for the site in the mail and had not yet reviewed it. He asked to discuss the matter next month after he has had time to review the documents he just received.

Mr. Connolly said they also discussed looking into the possibility of a fishing access there but not one specifically for handicapped users.

2). Signs- Mr. Fisher said he did some pricing for the pressure treated lumber for three 9-1-1 address signs for the Abbott's Grant, Waldron's Grant and Dubois properties. He said he estimated that the cost for the wood and posts would total \$187 and requested \$200 to cover the lumber and any other incidental supplies for the project.

Motion: (Connolly, second Bogardus) to approve payment of up to \$200 to Bill Fisher for expenses related to the construction of 3 signs for the Abbott's Grant, Waldron's Grant and Dubois properties passed 6-0-1 (Fisher abstained).

9). New Business:

A). MMRG Annual Dues- Mr. Connolly said he received an invoice seeking \$100 for the yearly membership dues to the MMRG.

Motion: (Orvis, second Taylor) to expend \$100 for membership in the MMRG passed 7-0.

Mr. Connolly then asked the members for suggestions for topics for the annual MMRG Mixer with all 7 member towns.

Mr. Connolly said the event includes a "meet and greet", a presentation and then a round table discussion among the participants.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said previous topics have included wildlife crossings, permaculture and any local issues that have come up for the boards.

Mr. Orvis said he would like to see the commissions discuss management of OHRV trails and added that many of the trails are now becoming fragmented.

Ms. Connaughton-Burns said they could have a presentation on trails in general and that a portion of the discussion could include OHRV trails.

Mr. Orvis said some of the ATV clubs are interested in connecting their trails to trails in other areas but are having difficulty getting out of their own areas.

Mr. King said Bear Brook State Park is a good example of where the trails are multi-use by motorized and non-motorized vehicles and horseback riders. Other places have trails that run perpendicular to each other labeled with specific use such as foot traffic only, non-wheeled vehicles, bikes or ATV's. They use the connecting corridors on the conservation land to get to the specialized trails he said.

Mr. Orvis said that an ATV club needs to be involved to help keep the trails managed and maintained.

Mr. Connolly said that by establishing managed off road trails it will help to alleviate the

problem of illegal riding such as on Blue Job Mountain which is ruining the blueberry fields. Mr. Law said that any one of topics presented at the “Saving Special Places” workshop would be suitable as a topic for the mixer. He said one concern for the future is what the extended connectivity between the conservation areas is going to look like.

Mr. Connolly asked Ms. Connaughton-Burns for her experience as to the better dates and nights to hold the Mixer.

She said Tues., Wed. or Thurs. of the fourth week of the month are generally better nights to hold the Mixer. She said they are also considering switching to Oct. to avoid the holiday season which begins in Nov.

Mr. Orvis said the last week of the month seems to work best because many members of the commissions are also members of other Town boards.

B). Trout Unlimited-Ms. Connaughton-Burns said Collin Lawson of Trout Unlimited is interested in putting together 4 towns in Strafford County to conduct culvert restorations to improve the water flow. He is hoping to get Farmington, Middleton, Milton, and New Durham to participate because all 4 towns have completed the GPS locations of the culverts in their towns. Once the GPS information is done and put into the system Trout Unlimited is able to offer culvert restoration programs to the towns she said. She will send Mr. Connolly Mr. Lawson’s contact information.

Recess - Motion: (Fisher, King) to take a 5 minute recess passed unanimously at 7:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

C). Family Day- Ms. Bogardus suggested having a scavenger hunt for the commission’s participation in the Recreation Dept.’s Family Day at Fernald Park on Central Street on Sat. July 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. She said she has “fleshed out” a list of easy items for young children to find as an introduction to the woods.

Mr. Orvis suggested they scout the area first and “red flag” any areas the children should stay away from such as any areas where poison ivy is found.

Members also discussed giving away “trinkets” to the children who find the items on the list.

Ms. Bogardus will contact the Police Dept. to see if they have any items left over from a previous event at the park that they would be willing to donate to Family Day.

D). Tax Map R36, Lot 5 – Mr. Connolly told the members that for many years, the late Gerry McCarty had tried to get the commission to do something with the Town owned property on Pound Road but they were not in a position to do anything at that time. He said that recently he went before the Board of Selectmen and received approval to place a conservation easement on the 25 acre parcel where the water storage tank is located. He added that he would like to name the parcel “McCarthy Park” in memory of the former Selectman and that Mrs. McCarthy is in favor of the memorial.

Mr. Connolly said they are now waiting to hear when the deed process has been completed and recorded and that once that is complete they can discuss what is needed to make spot more “public friendly”.

Discussion included the access to the site, the topography of the land, hiking and snow mobile

trails in the area, connections to the railroad bed and to Meetinghouse Hill Road and the installation of a memorial to Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Connolly suggested the members conduct a site walk of the parcel to familiarize themselves with the site before determining what needs to be done to facilitate public use. The commission will meet at the Pound Road site at 5:30 p.m. prior to their July 12th meeting.

Mr. Connolly will send e-mail reminders to members about the site walk.

E). Tax Map R32, Lot 22- Mr. Connolly said that before the new Public Safety Building was built, the Police Chief told him how beautiful the property is behind the building and suggested a hiking trail be put on through the property. A few weeks ago, the Chief, Selectman Horgan and Mr. Connolly walked the property behind the building.

Mr. Orvis asked if there is an existing trail on the edge of the swamp there.

Mr. Connolly said there is a trail there but there would be a little bit of clean up needed to make it usable.

Mr. King said the trail goes all the way out to the 500 Boys and Girls Club property.

Mr. Connolly showed the members some markers depicting hikers that could be used to mark the trail. He said they discussed doing a themed educational trail which could include the old water tower which would become a “prison” for photo ops, an informational kiosk near the entrance to the marsh, a view of turtles, an old foundation and an old cemetery,

Mr. King said the Town should do some restoration of the cemetery boundaries and install some signage with some history of the site as by state law the Town is responsible for the upkeep of a cemetery on Town property. He suggested it could become part of the themed trail.

Mr. Orvis noted that cemeteries can sometimes be helpful in deed research.

Mr. Connolly said he plans to get together with the Police Chief and mark the location of the trail. He said their previous walk looped around the property remaining within the wooded areas and entered/ exited at the same location near the existing rain garden. He said Mr. Horgan suggested the installation of a railing there to keep people from falling into the rain garden.

Mr. King said there is another access to the area about 50 feet down the road.

Mr. Connolly said they plan to avoid that entrance as it is a drainage area with rip rap materials.

Mr. King said he would like to see the parking and entrance for trail users clearly marked to help keep some order entering and leaving the Public Safety Building site.

Mr. Orvis asked if parking would be available on the 500 Boys and Girls Club end of the trail.

Mr. Connolly said if they were interested in pursuing that they would need to discuss it with the club board.

Mr. King added that their park is gated and they would need to find out if this is something they would like to incorporate into their property.

Mr. Connolly asked if a conservation easement surrounding the club property was established a few years ago.

Mr. King said he thought the easement is on the Route 11 side of property near a wetland area and the Selectmen had given them permission to put a ball field on Town property.

Mr. Orvis suggested that because the club was given permission to use Town property that could

be leverage for them to agree to put the trail head on their end of the trail.

Mr. King said they may be receptive to the idea and may consider allowing access to trail there.

Mr. Connolly said there has also been some discussion about holding the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Public Safety Building property. He noted that there is plenty of wildlife in that area and that minimal brush removal but no tree cutting would be needed there.

He said the Police Chief has suggested calling the trail "McCarthy Trail". He then commended the Chief for not giving up on a vision he has had in the back of his mind for more than a year.

He said he will update the members as the project moves along.

F). DES Inspections- Mr. Connolly said he received 6 envelopes from NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) informing the commission that DES is following up on impact permits and are conducting inspections on the following locations: Zelfelder Compound, 427 Meaderboro Road; the Farmington Country Club, Main Street; Scruton property, 20 Farmstead Road; Town of Farmington- Catholic Church, Central Street and the Vachon property, 300 Hornetown Road.

Mr. Orvis said one of inspections is noticed to him is because he applied for the first trail permit for the French property and Barry Keith later modified the trail so the original trail proposal did not get built.

Mr. Connolly said that DES has the tax map number listed as Tax Map 59, Lot 29. He said he contacted DES to correct the lot number to Lot 9 and informed them that a Fish and Game easement exists on that property. The DES will notify the commission if any site walks are scheduled for the properties he said.

G). Any Other New Business- Mr. Law said that on June 28 in Newmarket there is a Storm Water Management Workshop for Planning Board and Cons Com members and town staff. He said he plans to attend the free workshop and will report back to the commission following the meeting.

Mr. Orvis said the Rockingham County Conservation District is putting on series of workshops around the state on June 22 and 23 with a \$60 charge per workshop.

Mr. Connolly encouraged any members who wish to attend any free workshops that would be beneficial to the commission to do so but asked them to bring it before the commission for consideration if there is a charge to attend a workshop.

10). FYI:

Mr. Connolly said he filmed a commercial with the Cable TV Coordinator Robert Hall to get the information out about the Fall Cleanup to be held on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain date Oct 1). He asked if anyone planned to volunteer for the cleanup to pre-register so they can plan for the amount of food needed and how many roads can be cleaned that day. He said copies of the flyer for the event are available by e-mail.

Mr. Fisher suggested they speak to the DPW Director to arrange for a truck to haul the trash picked up to the Transfer Station.

Mr. Connolly said he would discuss use of the truck and make arrangements to get the trash there before 4 p.m. or to allow the Transfer Station to remain open a little longer that day.

Ms. Taylor volunteered to contact the local businesses to request they provide refreshments for the volunteers.

11). July Meetings:

A). Next Con Com Meeting- July 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Pound Road

B). July 22 – Family Day at Fernald Park. See Ms. Bogardus and arrive by noon.

12). Any Other Business: None

13). Adjournment:

Motion: (Orvis, second Bogardus) to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Magoon

Recording Secretary

David Connolly, Chairman