

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2012**

Call Meeting to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Steve Couture-vice chair, Jim Walter-member, Cindy Robertson-member, Phil Fitanides-Alt-member, John Turbyne-Alt-member, David Hess-member

Public Input: none

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motioned to approve the minutes April 3, 2012 with changes, Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.

Appointments:

Webster Woods Restoration Plan – Gove Environmental

Brendan Quigley – Gove Environmental - At our meeting at DES it was expressed the commission wanted an update on the plan before completing our restoration. There has been a delay in regards to having a finalized plan. So we would like this to be informational and come back to you when it is finalized.

There is some major gully erosion. Basically there are two gullies which have extremely steep grades that empty into a basin as well as a large berm that hold utilities. There are many feet of sediment in this area. In Webster Woods Phase II we found the soils in this area to be highly erodible. We started at the lower levels and found erosion in a few areas. We take in the water from Route 3, town drainage, and other developments that surround our development. We have had to replace some of the erosion stone and soils with more pervious materials to help stop the erosion.

Erosion like this needs to be addressed with some major plans. We would like to make a series of basins and level it out instead of the steep slopes that are currently there. All slopes will be blanketed, and roof drains will be installed. The cross sections are most revealing in regards to what we are hoping to do.

A lot of the comments from Stantec were regarding small details of the plan but not the scope and overall plan. This will be the general approach of what we would like to do. To grade out these slopes everything needs to go and we will be replanting wetland shrubs and making the area green again.

Both retention areas are located at the top of the area and are 2 to 2.5ft deep before the treatment area. Right now we have a 24” pipe that runs all of the water to the wetlands. When Phase I was originally approved this was not a wetlands and now here we are today will all of the erosion.

We will see you at our next meeting June 5, 2012.

Commission Reports:

1. **Pinnacle Park Planning – John Turbyne** – Parking lot had been grubbed but not removed the stumps. Mr. Lessard spoke with the abutting landowners about putting a fence on their land that would be two feet inside the property line. The abutter said that they did not want the fence on their property. As of right now we are at a standstill. The consensus of the commission was for John Turbyne to speak with Dr. Shankle regarding this.
2. **Reading Corp Conservation Easement –ARM Proposal** – The restoration project would go to bid and I was also surprised by the estimate on the plan itself that was completed by VHB. I was told they could not consider cost as part of the grant proposal because I was concerned about that.
3. **Merrimack Riverfront Project** – David Hess – There are two points on this project. The property line goes right through the center of the corn field. I have met with the seller and they would agree to the selling price \$115,000.
Jim Walter motioned for David Hess to renegotiate the purchase price of the Brown Property \$115,000 and pay for the entire survey of this property John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously.

Steve Couture – We are very competitive for this grant as we are offering everything that they are looking for.

Other:

1. **Invoices** – Jim Walter motioned to pay to VHB invoices one in the amount of \$900 and the other in the amount of \$375 to be paid out of the conservation fund John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously; Jim Walter motioned to pay two invoices for Mark Dunn one invoice in the amount of \$423 and the other in the amount of \$1,870 to be paid out of the conservation fund John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously.
2. **Clay Pond II Update** – We have the final draft of the easement. Jim Walter motioned to send the easement to Mark Dunn seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously
3. **Old Home Day** – Cindy Robertson motioned to reimburse Jim Walter \$100 plus shipping for bumper stickers to be given away at Old Home Day John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed by the commission

Non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II d

David Hess motioned to enter into non-public Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

Jim Walter motioned to exit non-public session John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously

Adjournment – Jim Walter motioned to adjourn John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously