

**NEW CASTLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES June 6, 2017- 5PM**

**Present:** Lynn McCarthy, Chair, Jim Rini, Brandon Tanguay, Ron Pascale, Beth Barnhorst, Rebecca Audet, Tracy Degnan.

**1. Approve Minutes.**

Beth Barnhorst made a Motion to Approve the March minutes of the Conservation Commission as amended. Ron Pascale seconded and the Motion carried.

After review, Jim Rini made a Motion to Approve the May Minutes of the Conservation Commission as amended. Beth Barnhorst seconded and the Motion carried.

**2. Work Session:**

**a. 68 Cranfield.**

While no specific session was on the Agenda, Richard and Lucinda Yeaton came to the meeting to discuss their plans regarding replacement of their driveway at 68 Cranfield Street as recommended by the Building Inspector.

Mr. Yeaton submitted a photograph of the site and explained that the plan was to do a permeable, not pervious surface for the driveway which is approximately 36' x 10". Currently the driveway is asphalt and it broke up over the winter season. Mr. Yeaton stated there would be no change to the width. There is a small change to the walkway but it will remain the same size.

Chair McCarthy asked about the depth of the subsurface. Mr. Yeaton indicated it was between 12 and 18' and is stone. In response to further questions regarding the brick, Mr. Yeaton stated there were no problems with the spacing of the brick. The entire driveway will be brick.

The Commission discussed the differences between pervious and permeable, and Chair McCarthy and Beth Barnhorst reviewed information about the difference. Jim Rini suggested that more information was needed and suggested speaking with UNH and other resources about the differentiation. Based upon the information received to date, Chair McCarthy recommended a conditional recommendation to the Planning Board, approving the request, contingent upon receipt of a more detailed plan. After further discussion, Jim Rini made a Motion to recommend approval of the project at 68 Cranfield Street to the Planning Board, replacing asphalt in the driveway with brick, with permeable surface, with the substrate as recommended by UNH or reputable manufacturer. Brandon seconded, and the Motion carried.

**3. New Business.**

### **a. Storm water Management.**

Chair McCarthy addressed the need to discuss plans for more public outreach on this issue. She noted that the MS-4 permit for 2016 has been signed and executed. Beth Barnhorst noted that there would be significant changes set to occur in 2018. Jin Rini would like to be sure Theresa from RCPC is available to assist with these changes. Chair McCarthy had spoken with Bill Stewart who suggested forming a specific committee to deal with this issue.

Lynn announced there is a new Great Bay water-keeper who can be accessed for information.

Lynn McCarthy shared a number of conservation friendly cartoons, originally published by URI (University of Rhode Island), which the Commission could potentially use in publications like the Islander and Island Items to promote public awareness for various pollution problems and conservation measures. It was agreed that URI would be contacted to obtain appropriate permission to use their educational cartoons.

Dog poop issues: Beth and Rebecca spoke of the problem involving dog owners who refuse to pick up their dogs' poop and how the Town can work to "dog poop" proof the island. Rebecca noted there have been a few NHPT articles regarding this subject. After discussion it was agreed to pursue the public outreach via publication of the cartoons and informational materials. The group spent time divvying up the various topics and matching them to ownership and submission dates. All agreed there should be a monthly "Conservation Tip" contained in the publications. Tracy Degnan agreed to do an article on Invasives for the Islander.

Chair McCarthy brought up the subject of green space issues, and indicated she had spoken with Bill Stewart about utilizing the town owned mound on Pit Lane to develop an interisland walkway with bridge connecting one side of the island to the other, and providing an overlook for Lavenger Creek.

Beth Barnhorst spoke about the need to have an island clean up respecting the back channel islands. She went on a site walk including Jumping Rock, and noted there were large amounts of debris and trash removal was needed. She suggested an "Adopt an Island" outreach program to encourage community participation in cleaning and keeping our back channel islands free of debris so the public can enjoy.

Chair McCarthy stated David Murray; photographer has already begun aerial photography of the wetlands.

There being no further business before the Commission, Jim Rini made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Beth Barnhorst. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

