

TOWN OF LANCASTER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Prescott Building, Nashaway Meeting Room  
March 12, 2019

Members Present: Chairman Nate Stevens, Tom Christopher, James Lavallee, Don Chaisson, Bonnie Mae Smith, Shawn Corbett, and Thomas Seidenberg

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for March 12, 2019
- Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018, December 11, 2018, January 8, 2019
- Proposed Main Street sidewalk restoration plan from Howard Stein Hudson

There being a quorum present, Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**New Business** - Time is being reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate to be discussed.

**Discussion – Steven Tyler, Howard Stein Hudson Engineering and Planning Consultants:  
Permitting for proposed new sidewalk on Main Street**

Mr. Tyler explained that the sidewalk along Main Street is deteriorating badly and is proposed to be re-constructed, with a portion of the work in the 200-foot Riverfront Area of the Nashua River, requiring the Conservation Commission's approval. He said the amount of digging involved is minimal, with a depth of only a few inches to remove the existing sidewalk followed by placement of the gravel base for the new sidewalk, and a width of five feet. He said an erosion control barrier would be installed prior to the start of work. He said he is here tonight to ask if the Commission would be agreeable to approving the project through a Negative Determination of Applicability rather than a Notice of Intent.

Conservation Agent David Koonce asked about re-construction of the sidewalk where it crosses the bridge over the Nashua River. Mr. Tyler said the portion of the sidewalk where it crosses the bridge will be part of the bridge replacement and is outside the scope of his company's involvement with the project.

Consensus among Commissioners was unanimous that the permitting of the sidewalk work could be handled with a Negative Determination of Applicability rather than a Notice of Intent.

**Items for Approval and/or Signature**

**Meeting Minutes**

- **At 7:13 PM Tom Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

- **At 7:14 PM Bonnie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018. Thomas Seidenberg seconded the motion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**
- **At 7:15 PM Don Chaisson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. Shawn Corbett seconded the motion. VOTE 7-0-0.**

### **New Business (cont'd)**

#### **Discussion – Win Clark, Recreation Committee: Trail creation and removal of invasive vegetation at Thayer Field Playground**

Mr. Clark expressed the Recreation Committee's desire to create a trail at the Thayer Field Recreation Campus in between the new playground and the stream just to the east. He said that Conservation David Koonce had advised him the area is infested with Japanese knotweed and that the Conservation Commission might very well want to see it removed because it is an invasive species.

Tom Christopher, who is a licensed herbicide applicator, said the only treatment for knotweed is with glyphosate when the species is in flower, which is during the months of August and September. He said there should be two applications of saturated spraying to be most effective.

Mr. Clark asked if there are any concerns with using glyphosate in close proximity to a playground where small children are likely to be present.

Mr. Christopher explained that a product without a surfactant should be used in order to minimize the spray's dispersal beyond the point of application.

Mr. Clark said he would report this information back to the Recreation Committee and will subsequently let Agent Koonce know how the Committee would like to proceed.

### **Items for Approval and/or Signature (cont'd)**

#### **Certificates of Compliance 193-0113 (417 Bolton Road) and 193-0373 (424 Langen Road)**

**At 7:42 PM Tom Christopher made a motion to issue Certificates of Compliance 193-0113 and 193-0373. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

### **Adjourn**

**At 7:45 PM Tom Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Koonce, Conservation Agent