

FINAL

LEBANON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Remote Via Microsoft Teams
[LebanonNH.gov/Live](https://lebanonnh.gov/Live)
Thursday, May 14th, 2020
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernst Oidtmann (Chair), Sarah Riley (Vice Chair), Erling Heistad, Susan Almy, Christopher Johnson, Bruce James, Donald Lacey, Darla Bruno (Alt.), Barbara Hirai (Alt.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Suellen Balestra

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Oidtmann called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM**

- 2 • Mr. Mark Goodwin reviewed the meeting procedures for remote meetings and NH RSA 91-A
3 “Right to Know” requirements. A Roll Call of Commission Members who participated remotely
4 are listed above.
5 • Chair Oidtmann appointed Ms. Barbara Hirai as a regular Commission member for tonight’s
6 meeting in the absence of Ms. Susan Almy.
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8 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 9th, 2020**

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10 ***Mr. James MOVED to approve the April 9th, 2020 Minutes as amended below and presented in the***
11 ***May 14, 2020 agenda packet.***

12 ***Secoded by Mr. Heistad.***

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14 Amendments:

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16 Page 2, Line 16, Change “right-of-ways” to “rights-of-way”

17 Page 2, Line 24, Change “residence” to “residents”

18 Page 2, Line 26, Change “Finely” to “Finley”

19 Page 3, Line 1, Change “residence” to “residents”

20 Page 3, Line 21, Change “the plant” to “Laplante Road”

21 Page 3, Line 38, Change “oversite” to “oversight”

22 Page 4, Line 13, Change “Northwest” to “northwest”

23 Page 4, Line 22, Change “West” to “west”

24 Page 4, Line 25. Change “There is a forested wetland that water comes from the parking lots.” to “There
25 is a forested wetland. Mr. Worden explained that water comes from the parking lots. A lot of the water
26 going to it comes from the parking lots to the south and discharges through this parcel.”

27 Page 5, Line 7, Change “Ms. Hirai asked how the parking spaces” to “Ms. Hirai asked how the number of
28 parking spaces”

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1 **Roll Call Vote:**

2 **Ernst Oidtmann, Bruce James, Christopher Johnson, Erling Heistad, Sarah Riley, Donald Lacey,**
3 **Barbara Hirai all voting Yea.**

4 **None voted Nay.**

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6 ** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (7-0).*
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8 **3. PERMIT REVIEW:**
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10 **A. JEROME YAROSHEVICH; 328 POVERTY LANE (TAX MAP 188, LOT 47), ZONED**

11 **RL-1:** Review and comment on Zoning Board Special Exception application. Applicant proposes to
12 replace an existing 9’x12’ slab and sunroom with a 16’x16’ slab and sunroom. Applicant request a
13 Special Exception pursuant to Article IV, Section 401.5 (“Wetlands Conservation District”) of the Zoning
14 Ordinance to allow permanent wetland impacts of +/-95 sq. ft. **CC#2020-05.**
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16 Mr. Jerome Yaroshevich is the homeowner and attended the meeting online to present his project for
17 review. He plans on ripping up the existing slab and replacing it with a 16’x16’ slab with frost walls. It
18 will be built on a flat piece of land, so they do not anticipate any debris falling into the wetlands that are
19 present.
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21 Mr. Heistad commented that it looks like the building will not come near any wetlands, instead it looks
22 like it will be taking up more lawn space.
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24 Mr. Lacey was concerned that the construction debris would roll downhill toward the wetland. Mr.
25 Yaroshevich said he would line the area with hay bails to keep the debris out of the water but said the
26 property doesn’t start to slope until about 15 feet from the construction so he does not believe that will be
27 an issue.
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29 Mr. Heistad asked if the pond on the property was artificial and Mr. Yaroshevich said he believed that it
30 was.
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32 Vice Chair Riley wanted to know if Mr. Yaroshevich was contracting out the work. Mr. Yaroshevich said
33 he designed the new sunroom, but he was contracting the work out. Vice Chair Riley asked if he knew
34 that the property had a 100-foot buffer when he purchased. He said he knew about the wetland but both
35 he and his contractor thought it was a 50-foot buffer.
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37 Mr. Lacey asked when he found out about the 100-foot buffer and Mr. Yaroshevich replied that it came
38 up during the permitting process.
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40 Vice Chair Riley commented that this was a great opportunity to speak with a resident with a high value
41 buffer on their land and hear what his understanding is of the wetland and what his responsibility is to it.
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43 **Mr. James MOVED that the Conservation Commission recommends approval by Special Exception**
44 **pursuant to Article IV, Section 401.5 (Wetlands Conservation District) of the Zoning Ordinance the**
45 **proposed replacement of a 9’x12’ slab with a 16’x16’ slab. This pertains to 328 Poverty Lane, Tax**
46 **Map 188, Lot 47, Zoned RL-1, CC#2020-05**

47 **Seconded by Vice Chair Riley.**

1 **Roll Call Vote:**

2 **Ernst Oidtmann, Christopher Johnson, Erling Heistad, Sarah Riley, Donald Lacey, Bruce James,**
3 **Barbara Hirai all voting Yea.**

4 **None voted Nay.**

5 *** The Vote on the MOTION passed (7-0).**

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7 **4. STUDY ITEMS:**

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9 **A. Resident Stewardship Volunteer Program:** Vice Chair Riley and Ms. Hirai have been
10 working on organizing a Stewardship program and a flyer to put in the kiosks to generate interest
11 in the program. They have come up with the following levels: Monitor, Trail Steward, Trail
12 Crew, Mentor, and Volunteer for special projects. Discussion was had about the definitions of
13 the levels for the volunteer program and how best to define the positions to encourage as many
14 people as possible join the program.

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16 Mr. Eric Agterberg, member of the public, spoke about how he believed it would be best to pitch
17 this program to the public using simple wording that would draw a person into a specific level
18 that they may be interested in.

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20 The Commission liked the idea of the flyer and would like a phone number and e-mail address to
21 be placed on the flyer and would like the flyers to go up as soon as possible to get the program
22 going.

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24 **Ms. Susan Almy arrived at 7:27PM.**

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26 **B. Web Page Update:** The Conservation Commission's webpage needs to be updated. Vice Chair
27 Riley, Ms. Bruno and Mr. Johnson have been working on the content of the webpage. Mr.
28 Goodwin will forward the template that Lebanon's web designer will be using so that they know
29 approximately what the webpage layout will look like.

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31 **C. Amphibian Crossing Program Update:** Vice Chair Riley spoke about the Big Night amphibian
32 crossings and volunteer effort that is happening. Suzanne Church worked on Lebanon's Big Night
33 crossing in 2019 and created a Google Drive that contains training information, data sheets, signs
34 and a map that Mr. Goodwin created. This was done in hopes of encouraging volunteers to go out
35 on Big Nights and gather data on the crossings. The information was put out on Lebanon's
36 Listserv this year. The question arose as to what the Conservation Commission would like to do
37 with the information gathered on hot spots and amphibian crossings. The hope is to have more
38 information up for people to come out and participate next year and perhaps a text alert that can
39 go out to interested parties of anticipated Big Nights.

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41 **D. Wild About Lebanon Program Update:** This program is currently on hold due to Covid-19.
42 There is hope that this program will be able to start back up this summer.

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44 **E. ARM Fund Application Update:** Mr. Goodwin reached out to Upper Valley Land Trust about
45 giving technical assistance for this application. The preliminary 2-page proposal needs to be
46 submitted by May 29, 2020. Mr. Goodwin will move forward with the preliminary paperwork
47 and if the Commission receives a positive response from DES than Mr. Goodwin will reach out to
48 the landowner about the potential purchase of their property for conservation.

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1 Chair Oidtmann questioned the Current Use program and if the City knew which properties were
2 in the program and what payments have been received because of the program. Mr. Goodwin
3 explained that the Assessor knows which properties are in the Current Use program. Usually a
4 report would be sent when money is taken in for the Lost Fund. Chair Oidtmann would like a
5 report every three months on the status of the properties and the funds received when the property
6 comes out of the program. Mr. Goodwin suggested perhaps a status report when a property
7 comes out of the Current Use program and the money that is placed into the Lost Fund. Chair
8 Oidtmann is particularly interested in the River Park project and whether the City has received
9 any money from that project yet. Mr. Goodwin will contact the Finance Director to see if any
10 money has been deposited into the Lost Fund.

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12 **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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14 **A. Conservation Lands Monitors:** Mr. Goodwin reported that Ron Bailey has the trails in order,
15 annual cleanup of the trails is done, and they are ready for use. It was noticed that the trails are
16 being used a lot recently. Vice Chair Riley was concerned with the maintenance of the road to the
17 water tower. She was concerned that it had been widened where maybe it should not have. She
18 was wondering if the work was necessary and if there was a way to communicate with DPW
19 about the clearing of the road. Mr. Goodwin will investigate that and report back to the
20 Conservation Commission.

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22 **B. Lebanon Biodiversity Group:** Mr. Lacey reported that he has done some invasive removal on
23 Mill Road and at Baker's Crossing. Ms. Hirai and Vice Chair Riley spoke about working on a
24 Garlic Mustard removal project and trying to encourage the public to remove it when they see it.
25 Vice Chair Riley was hoping to get information on the Lebanon Listserv to get groups out to help
26 manage the Garlic Mustard. It would be best if the pulled plants are bagged and brought out by
27 the volunteers. Vice Chair Riley will reach out to the Lebanon Landfill about taking the bags of
28 plants from the volunteers for free. Vice Chair Riley would like to put up signs on how and
29 where to pick and proper removal of the Garlic Mustard.

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31 **C. Workshops & Educational Opportunities:** None Discussed

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33 **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

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35 *Mr. Lacey MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.*
36 *Seconded by Vice Chair Riley.*

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38 **Roll Call Vote:**

39 **Ernst Oidtmann, Christopher Johnson, Erling Heistad, Sarah Riley, Susan Almy, Bruce James,**
40 **Donald Lacey all voting Yea.**
41 **None voted Nay.**

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43 ** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (7-0).*

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45 **The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

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47 Respectfully submitted,
48 Barbara R. Higgins
49 Recording Secretary