A. Call to order

A regular meeting of the Nashua Conservation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM, 229 Main Street, City Hall in Room 208.

B. Roll call

Members present: Sherry Dutzy, Chairman
Brandon Pierotti
Richard Gillespie
Gene Porter
Bill Parker
Gloria McCarthy
Josh Hauser
Joel Ackerman
Michael Reinke

Also in Attendance: Scott McPhie, Planning Department
Alderman Ernest Jette

C. Approval of minutes

February 4, 2020

MOTION by Commissioner Porter to accept and place on file the minutes of January 7, 2020, as amended

SECONDED by Commissioner Gillespie

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

D. Treasurer’s Report

None
E. New Business

Hillsborough County UNH Extension Forester Michael Gagnon, presenting forestry management and associated topics.

Mr. Gagnon gave a detailed presentation to the Commission on forest stewardship. Topics included town forests, tree farms, forest management plans, and invasive species. He provided various resources on land management to the Commission.

F. Old Business

Annual nomination and election of officers

Mr. McPhie read out the nomination of officers as follows:

Chairman: Sherry Dutzy
Vice Chair: Gene Porter
Treasurer: Brandon Pierotti
Clerk: Richard Gillespie

MOTION by Commissioner Reinke to elect Commissioner Pierotti as Treasurer

SECONDED by Commissioner Porter

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

MOTION by Commissioner Reinke to elect Commissioner Gillespie as Clerk

SECONDED by Commissioner McCarthy

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

MOTION by Commissioner Reinke to elect Commissioner Porter as Vice Chairman

SECONDED by Commissioner Parker

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

MOTION by Commissioner _________ to elect Commissioner Dutzy as Chairman

SECONDED by Commissioner Hauser
MOTION CARRIED 9-0

➤ Update On Previous Cases

- **13 Curtis Dr:** Chairman Dutzy and Commissioner Porter attended the 2/25/2020 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting to provide clarification of the Commission’s unfavorable recommendation to the Zoning Board members. The ZBA upheld the Commission’s decision, and denied the special exception and variance requests.

- **L Fairmount St:** Chairman Dutzy said she saw a For Sale sign at the property. The Commission discussed potential development at the site.

G. NCC Correspondence and Communications

- Newsletter Nashua River Watershed
- Nashua Public Library Event Calendar
- Letter from Community Dev. Dir. Sarah Marchant re: clarification on the vote regarding 3 & 21 Pine St

MOTION not made to accept and place on file all correspondence

H. Nonpublic Session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) concerning land (Roll call vote required).

Nonpublic session was not required.

I. Commissioners Discussion

- **Joyce Wildlife Conservation Area:** Chairman Dutzy held a discussion regarding using goats to clear poison ivy from the trails. She volunteered to contact Doug Cygan from the NH Dept. of Agriculture to discuss options.

- **Burke Street Conservation Easement:** The Commission discussed the newly established conservation easement at 141-143 Burke St.

- **Terrell Conservation Area Plantings:** The Commission discussed ordering wildflower seeds to plant at the recently cleared land, with the goal of encouraging pollinators. Commissioner Parker advised the Commission to perform an assessment of the soils and what is already growing there. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission
decided to invest $180.00 to buy 4-lbs of seeds to prevent invasive species from establishing on the disturbed land.

- **Saving Special Places Conference:** Will be held April 4th in Alton, NH. [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.]
- **New Conservation Commission Member:** The Commission welcomed alternate member Carol Sarno.
- **Waterfront Improvement Cutting:** The Commission discussed the invasive clearing along the Merrimack River. The Commission asked Mr. McPhie to investigate potential stump removal and slope stabilization.

**J. Adjournment**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Commissioner Porter at 8:32 PM.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierotti

**MOTION CARRIED 9-0**

APPROVED:

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Richard Gillespie, Clerk, Nashua Conservation Commission

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