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EXPANDED MEETING SUMMARY

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**NASHUA CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

**A. Call to order**

A special meeting of the Nashua Conservation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00PM in Room 208 in City Hall AND via Zoom virtual meeting.

**B. Roll call**

Members present:

- Sherry Dutzy, Chair
- Gene Porter, Vice Chair
- Brandon Pierotti, Treasurer
- Richard Gillespie, Acting Clerk
- Carol Sarno
- Jed Crook
- Maya Friday, student member

Also in Attendance:

- Matt Sullivan, Planning Manager
- Chris Webber, Department Coordinator
- Megan Cook

**Meeting Procedures**

**1. Access**

This meeting is accessible in person in Room 208 in Nashua City Hall and via Zoom. Members of the public and representatives of the applicants have been urged to attend the meeting via Zoom, but they may attend in person at City Hall. Real time public comment can be addressed to the Board utilizing Zoom or in City Hall, Room 208.

**2. Public Notice and Access**

If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting, please call (603)589-3115, and they will help you connect.

**3. Adjourning the Meeting**

In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that the Commission will continue to take vote via roll call.

The Conservation Commission and Planning Department thank you for your understanding and patience during this difficult time.

**C. Approval of minutes**

June 12, 2021 Site Walk - 17 Winchester St

**MOTION** by Commissioner Porter to approve the site walk minutes of June 12, 2021, as amended

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Sarno

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**I. Commissioners Discussion**

***1. Project Assignment Update***

The Commission held a detailed discussion regarding all outstanding projects, as per the attached assignment list. Mr. Sullivan offered to follow up on the status of several outstanding cases.

***2. Discussion of Funding for JPWS***

Chairman Dutzy said that she had discussed with Mr. Sullivan the possibility of setting up a fund for Joyce Park Wildlife Sanctuary and asking the Board of Aldermen to allocate \$5,000 into the account for such things as invasive management, trimming, and maintenance.

Mr. Sullivan said he spoke to Janet in Finance and the Commission could formulate a micro-management plan, which would allow them to make the case to the BOA that such allocation would have a finite list of improvements the money would go towards. He recommended asking for a small amount of seed funding at first to show a success. He thinks this is something the Commission should discuss at a subsequent meeting, because this may be a recipe for success in funding other conservation areas throughout the

city. It would prevent having to go to the BOA for relatively small expenses that are needed to maintain properties the Commission is responsible for.

Chairman Dutzy led a discussion of various maintenance activities for Joyce Park Wildlife Sanctuary.

Mr. Sullivan said he would reach out to Finance and discuss the matter further.

### ***3. SCA Project Update***

None

### ***4. Eagle Scout Project Update***

None

### ***5. ARM Project Funding Discussion***

Mr. Sullivan said the Dept. of Environmental Services will want to meet with the Commission to see if their proposed project meets the ARM standards. He said they should identify a project and he will bring it to the middle school engineer.

Commissioner Porter suggested the erosion of the Merrimack River Bank at Thoreau's Landing as a mitigation location. Stabilizing that riverbank would be a good candidate.

Chairman Dutzy said they should read the Salmon Brook report and see if they would like to move forward with this at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued of how ARM funds are awarded. Mr. Sullivan said if other projects happen in the future, it would be helpful to have a list of potential projects ready for funding.

Commissioner Crook led a brief discussion regarding railroad tie removal and disposal.

### ***6. Committee Reports***

#### ***a. Easement Monitoring***

Chairman Dutzy said that Commissioner Gillespie has agreed to chair this subcommittee. They have to

think about monitoring the Sullivan Farm easement, which may be good to do fairly early this year.

**b. Land and Trail Management**

Commissioner Porter led a brief discussion regarding the Pennichuck Water Supply ponds and Natural Resource Inventory.

**7. Miscellaneous**

- Chairman Dutzy proposed a sign design competition between Nashua North and South high schools
- Chairman Dutzy led an extended discussion regarding the Salmon Brook dam and sale of 141 Burke St. Commissioner Porter led a discussion regarding riverfront access easements.
- Commissioner Porter led a discussion of potential maintenance activities for Salmon Brook
- Commissioner Joel Ackerman has resigned from the Commission.
- The Jackson Falls turbine replacement has been delayed by one year.

**J. Adjournment**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Commissioner Porter at 8:27PM

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierotti

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