

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 16, 2023

The site walk was called to order at 5:18 by Sherry Dutzy, Chair

Roll call by: Jed Crook, Clerk

Those Present:

Commissioners: Megan Cook, Jed Crook, Sherry Dutzy, Brandon Pierotti, Dick Widhu, Carol Sarno
Staff present: Deb Chisholm, Matt Sullivan (joined later)

Others Present: Tom Zajac, Hayner, Swanson, Brendan Quigley, Gore Environmental, Brad Westgate, Winer & Bennet, Michael Devin, Thorndike

THE FOLLOWING SITE WALK MUST ONLY DISCUSS THE PROPERTY LISTED. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATIONAL WALK WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE OWNER AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. DISCUSSION CONCERNING BUFFER IMPACTS AND ANY RELATED TOPICS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE COVERED. THE WALK SHOULD THEN ADJOURN WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION BUSINESS. ALL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT AN UPCOMING MEETING AND POSTED ON THE AGENDA ACCORDINGLY. SITE WALK NOTES /MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THAT TIME. DRAFT MINUTES NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE WALK.

Site walk location: Old Mohawk Tannery/Fimbel Door site at the end of Fairmount Street

This is a remediated Super Fund site that is being proposed for redevelopment. The group walked the entire site that is to be redeveloped as well as part of an area that will be donated to the City. Three wetland areas exist with one having little to no value, while fairy shrimp were noted in the other sites. The site is overgrown with invasives such as Japanese knotweed, autumn olive, bittersweet, and honeysuckle.

There is a 2-acre lagoon filled with hazard waste from the tannery. Over the next 18 months asbestos from the site which was deposited when the Broad Street Parkway was under construction and any other waste will be deposited in the lagoon. It will then be capped and a 9' retaining wall with interlocking cement tubes built around it to contain the waste.

Wetland Impact Area B was viewed. The impact is due to a drainage system which extends across the Nashua River. This cannot be avoided. Wetland Impact Area C where a footbridge is proposed to connect this area to Mine Falls Park was also viewed.

Invasive management and eradication was discussed. Since the area will be clear-cut any invasives pulled up will go into the lagoon. Commissioner Sarno raised concerned about the spread of invasives through the movement of equipment. Mr. Quigley noted that the NHDOT has a document on Best Management Practices for invasives since they recognize how highway practices have inadvertently spread many invasives.

Possible stipulations:

- 1) Require all contractors to follow NHDOT BMPs for management of invasives.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM by Commissioner Sarno, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Sherry Dutzy

Date: June 5, 2023