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## MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AUGUST 3, 2015

### MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:32 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Chairman Tim Tenhave presided:

Members of the Commission Present: Matt Caron, Vice Chairman  
Michael Boisvert  
Gage Perry  
Councilor Jody Vaillancourt

Members of the Commission Absent: Cynthia Glenn  
Kristi Bradshaw, Alternate

Also in Attendance: Robert McCabe, 30A Wilson Hill Road  
Mario Fortin, 82 D.W. Highway

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Commissioner Glenn was excused.

There are currently open positions on the Commission; one full-time member and two alternate members. Individuals interested in serving in this capacity should contact Becky Thompson in the Town Manager's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPOINTMENTS - None

### STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS

#### **1. Dredge and Fill Application for a Souhegan River Bank Restoration (continued from 7/20/15)**

Commission to review an expedited NHDES Dredge & Fill Permit for a riverbank restoration project on the Souhegan River. The riverbank is along property owned by Bob McCabe, Tax Map Parcels 4B-88, 4B-89, and 5C-672.

Mr. Robert McCabe spoke of the Site Walk conducted the prior week. Commissioner Perry stated he, Vice Chairman Caron, and Commissioner Boisvert participated in the Site Walk, which included the three sections that would be impacted by the project. The erosion that has occurred is severe. The road has been moved back from the edge of the river in a few areas. Silt could be seen piling up on the far side of the river. He commented the Site Walk was informative, and he believes the proposed project to be a nice alternative to the hardscape drop that is typically done, and not often successful. He noted the property is actively farmed.

Mr. McCabe stated, during the Site Walk, he described the concept of installing the log jams and a series of horizontal connecting logs and using the root stumps to push back into the bank to hold everything in place and slow the velocity of the river water so that it redeposits the silt and sediment back against the riverbank to slowly rebuild it.

Mr. McCabe stated the desire for the project to be completed this year. He noted the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) along with the New Hampshire Fish & Game would be onsite the following day to

look over the property to see if there are any endangered species onsite. Although they do not anticipate finding any, there is the need to understand any potential impact.

Councilor Vaillancourt questioned the authority the Commission has with regard to the project. Chairman Tenhave responded the Commission would make a recommendation. The law and wetland rules from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) allow the Commission to provide comments on the project as well as a window of time in which to provide any comments. He further explained, permits can be handled in two ways; normal fashion for a standard Dredge & Fill where the permit would be filed with the Town Clerk, the Commission would be notified, provided a copy, and have 14 days to provide comment or within that 14-day window to ask NHDES for an extension of up to 40 days to provide comment. If the deadline were not met, NHDES would proceed without comment from the Commission. The other avenue is an expedited permit. In such an instance, the applicant would come before the Commission first, request the Commission review the project, and respond to questions posed, which would allow the Commission to sign off on the permit at that time, and before it is filed with the Town Clerk.

Councilor Vaillancourt remarked it appears to be an incredible undertaking. She noted mention in the minutes of the previous meeting that concern was stated with regard to individuals in canoes, kayaks, etc. utilizing the waterway. She questioned if that concern was addressed during the Site Walk.

Vice Chairman Caron stated before the three sites there are 3' oaks that have fallen in because of the riverbank sluffing off. That would get the canoers before any of the log jam would. The project itself does not create a concern. Commissioner Boisvert agreed it is not a major problem; however, stated his preference for some type of markings.

Mr. McCabe stated signage could be put out. There will be booms strung out from side to side in case there is any contamination, etc. He reminded the Commission the river is over 100' wide and the project will only impact 15' out from edge of bank. He noted the NRCS will be onsite as well as the engineers. He invited Commissioners to visit the site during the project. He suggested the NHDES may be onsite to learn how the softscape is done. He stated the banks would be planted at project completion. Canoers will not be able to come through a new planting and create a trail. There are many more egress points in the river.

Mr. McCabe remarked he will lose his property if he does not take some action. Councilor Vaillancourt stated appreciation for the amount of time and energy Mr. McCabe put into presenting the information to the Commission, and thanked him for that. She continued by stating she does not believe she personally has enough knowledge about a project of this type to be able to comment on it.

Commissioner Perry stated his only concern is the amount of time that is needed for this progression to occur. He questioned if the sites would be monitored yearly to ensure the riverbank is filling in correctly, etc. Mr. McCabe responded Field Geology Services will likely return. He reminded the Commission the contractor that is being proposed has been doing this kind of work for over 20 years. When asked if he would be provided with any kind of guarantee, Mr. McCabe stated he has not seen a proposal. That is a question that could be asked of the NRCS.

When asked to provide clarification, Mr. McCabe stated the NRCS is a Federal entity. They exist to help farmers and landowners in many aspects of their operations. He started working with them 3-4 years ago. He spoke of restoring the New England Cottontail on part of his property, which is how his relationship began with the NRCS. As they spent more and more time onsite, they identified other needs, and made suggestions. He reiterated the river is moving, and if it results in his inability to access the farm he will lose part of his livelihood.

Vice Chairman Caron reiterated all of the concerns he had were put to rest after he had the opportunity to visit the site. With the sluffing that is occurring, the area is not safe. He believes the area will be much safer if the project is successful.

When asked, Mr. McCabe stated he spoke with the RCS a few days earlier. If the paperwork is completed in a timely fashion (before Labor Day) the project can move forward this year.

***There being no objection, the Commission recessed at 6:54 p.m.  
The Commission reconvened at 7:01 p.m.***

***Chairman Tenhave signed five (5) copies of the Permit Application, and will follow up with NHDES.***

**2. Mario Fortin and Nitrof Investments, LLC. (applicant/owner)**

Review for recommendation to the Planning Board of a Site Plan to construct an 18' x 60' storage shed addition to an existing 5,432, sq. ft. building. The parcel is located at 82 D.W. Highway in the I-1 (Industrial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 2D/Lot 040.

Mr. Mario Fortin informed the Commission there is an existing slab on the north side of the building. The desire is to enclose it to house materials for his business (drywall company). Materials are currently stored outdoors and can be viewed from the D.W. Highway. The project would allow the materials to be stored indoors, would include the refinishing of the outside of the structure, and would result in the area being visually pleasing.

The structure would be located behind the existing warehouse. When asked if the roofline would be the same as the existing building, Mr. Fortin stated it would be pitched.

When asked how rainwater would be captured, Mr. Fortin stated he would likely utilize a gutter system. Chairman Tenhave noted the Commission is concerned with how stormwater is controlled, and questioned how it would be addressed if utilizing a gutter system. Mr. Fortin stated there would be the need to make a drench with crushed stone on the ground so that water goes into the ground, and agreed that could be done.

When asked if landscaping would be included as part of the project, Mr. Fortin stated that is not part of the current project; however, he intends to address that next year. Having just completed a remodel of the inside of the facility, his intent is, once the proposed project is completed, to remodel 100% of the outside of the facility.

Chairman Tenhave stated the Commission's preference for native plantings to be utilized as much as possible. He noted the Town has rules associated with landscaping, and it may prove helpful to check with the Community Development Department before proceeding in that direction. It was also noted, if grass were to be planted, the Commission discourages the use of fertilizer unless deemed necessary. He spoke of a testing service that could be utilized to determine if fertilizer is necessary. If deemed necessary, the Commission recommends a low phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer.

Mr. Fortin questioned what, if any approvals, are required should there be the need to cut down trees. Chairman Tenhave stated, as long as work is not intended to be done in a wetland, there is no need for Commission approval.

When asked about notes included on the plan, Mr. Fortin stated the wash bay, floor drain, and inlet grate no longer exist on the property. The drawing was produced in 1987. A Surveyor will be hired to update the Plan.

Chairman Tenhave stated he would draft a letter to the Planning Board and the Community Development Department informing of the discussion that took place, and will provide Mr. Fortin with information, in writing, regarding landscaping, fertilizer use, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. NED Pipeline**

Commission to have a general discussion on the NED project and any immediate actions it may wish to take. Commission will also review written scoping comments it wishes to make before the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Chairman Tenhave noted he, Commissioner Perry and Councilor Vaillancourt attended the meeting held in Nashua. Councilor Vaillancourt commented although she did not attend the meeting held in Milford, she is aware they turned hundreds of people away as they had exceeded the capacity limitations of the meeting room. Chairman Tenhave noted Eric Tomasi, Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), stated there would be one more scoping meeting in the New Ipswich area later in the month. Councilor Vaillancourt clarified the additional meeting is expected to be somewhere near Winchester.

Councilor Vaillancourt noted the meeting held in Nashua was recorded by Merrimack TV (can be viewed [here](#)), and was 5 hours in length. The meeting conducted in Milford was recorded by Granite Town Media channel 21. Councilor Vaillancourt noted Councilor David Wheeler, Executive Council, was a speaker at the meeting conducted in Milford, and his remarks were pretty important. His comments were transcribed and placed [online](#). Chairman Tenhave, Councilor Harrington, Chairman, Merrimack Town Council, and Lon Woods, Chairman, Merrimack Village District, each spoke at the meeting along with several Merrimack citizens. She commented

she was impressed with the amount of research people had done. Everyone brought some new angle and concern to the table. She commented she was both impressed and proud of the New Hampshire residents who spoke at the meeting.

Chairman Tenhave noted the Commission has until August 31<sup>st</sup> to make any additional comments. Mr. Tomasi had made it clear that deadline did not prohibit additional comments from being forwarded. Chairman Tenhave stated his understanding scoping comments made by August 31<sup>st</sup> have to be addressed by Kinder Morgan. He provided the FERC with written comments, and will make the electronic filing this week.

Commissioner Perry commented there are 35-40 comments submitted each day. Some of the stated concerns overlap, but they all speak to the issues of this area not being addressed, e.g., large ponds, vernal pools, etc. Councilor Vaillancourt questioned if anyone has a clear understanding of what the criteria is for approval. She remarked she has heard residents say the Town Council needs to address what the criteria is. The two main points being discussed are need and convenience. She believes a lot of people have discussed the lack of need. There was a good deal of discussion, particularly towards the end of the meeting, regarding intentional misleading, misrepresentation by Kinder Morgan. Many spoke of the lack of need based on factual information, and then talked to convenience, co-location, etc. She commented she does not know how representatives of the FERC could have walked away from that meeting believing this particular route is going to be less disruptive than the one originally planned to go through Massachusetts. If they continue to believe that, after listening to the comments provided, they are simply not listening at all.

Chairman Tenhave stated not all of the comments provided to him were brought forward at the scoping meeting. However, those not addressed could be included with the submittal of written comments. He stated the desire to have a draft of written comments in time for discussion at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, and noted he has not yet had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Bradshaw to determine if she has put any of the information together.

When asked to identify the comments that were received, but not addressed at the scoping meeting, Chairman Tenhave stated Councilor Boyd had brought up the issue of blasting. He wished to make suggestions on how to manage blasting and ensure they were aware Merrimack has its own Ordinance on blasting. Commissioner Perry stated he is pleased with those comments, does not wish to limit them to blasting, but was unable to locate much in the Ordinances with regard to excavation. He stated a desire for the Commission's comments to encompass any removal of material. Another issue brought forward was coordination with the Fire Department.

Councilor Mahon had questioned if the Commission had considered mentioning the cumulative degradation of our resources in the environment by this and other large scale energy projects. Councilor Vaillancourt spoke of concerns related to emergency response in wooded areas, e.g., does the Town have the necessary equipment, or would it be provided, to deal with emergencies that could arise in a heavily wooded conservation area.

Commissioner Perry spoke of financial concerns of those residing within site of the pipeline and the 1,000 disruption zone. Those homes could be devalued tremendously. That would have an impact on the property owners and all taxpayers. Property values would decrease, taxes would increase, there would not be gas infrastructure to individual homes, and there would be a surcharge on the electric bills to pay for the installation.

Councilor Vaillancourt spoke of language included in the letter of opposition signed by New Hampshire municipal conservation commissions that talked about how, in the future, people would be less likely to donate land for preservation purposes when a public utility could simply come in and install something of this magnitude on the land.

Commissioner Perry had provided comments regarding Radon. Commissioner Perry stated every piece of granite we have is ancient. When cut, it releases Radon, which is also potentially radioactive. Councilor Vaillancourt commented there is a lot of Arsenic in New Hampshire as well. There is the need for baseline testing that has to span a timeframe in order to generate a true baseline. Councilor Vaillancourt remarked during discussion of the potential site for a metering station the issue of continued regular testing for air pollution was brought up.

Chairman Tenhave spoke of difficulty downloading the latest submittal (environmental information). He spoke of comments made regarding work planned in the middle of a wetland, and stated the need to review the maps that correspond to Commission properties to be able to provide comment.

Councilor Vaillancourt questioned if the Commission's Environmental Impact Study (EIS) would be available for the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Tenhave stated Mr. Littleton will have a draft next week. It will not include all of the maps, data, etc., but will have all pertinent points, e.g., recommendations, suggestions, impacts, etc. Wetland evaluations will not be completed by that time. Although information will be provided on species and other things identified, the draft will not include any mapping identifying locations of species, etc.

Chairman Tenhave stated Mr. Littleton has informed him of work he is doing for the Regional Planning Commission located west of Merrimack. They are developing a set of comments and recommendations that Mr. Littleton will share with the Merrimack Conservation Commission.

Chairman Tenhave requested Commissioners forward their thoughts/recommendations to him. He volunteered to compile the information into a single document that he would send out to the Commission for review prior to the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **1. Trail Maintenance Project at Grater Woods**

Commission to discuss contracting to have maintenance work performed at Grater Woods.

Vice Chairman Caron spoke of the quote received from Alpha Tractor Works, LLC. The proposed project has been discussed by the Grater Woods Sub-Committee for some time; most recently at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The project was also intended to be addressed in the Stewardship Plan.

The majority of the Red Maple Trail was resurfaced with an offsetting project with the NHDES. This project would address the last piece of the Red Maple Trail that goes to Wildlife Opening #1. There is a somewhat steep hill in the area that is significantly eroded. The area was walked by him and many members of the Sub-Committee, after which it was walked again with Alpha Tractor, a contractor that has been used in the past. The quote identifies the cost of repairing that slope as well as conducting a few other projects simultaneously. What the Sub-Committee would need to provide would be a few loads of hardpack. He stated uncertainty if the hardpack could be provided by the Public Works Department or if it would have to be delivered.

Commissioner Boisvert questioned if the proposed Eagle Scout project (trail) would go into that area, and was informed it would not. Vice Chairman Caron stated the proposed use of this trail is "all uses", e.g., motorized, etc. The hardpack would have to withstand motorized traffic. He commented, in its current condition, he does not believe the equipment owned by the Fire Department would make it to the area, if needed. After the rehabilitation project is complete, that safety concern would no longer exist.

Commissioner Perry questioned the number of truckloads of hardpack that would be needed, and was informed the contractor has stated the need to be two 10-wheels. Chairman Tenhave stated his preference to have the type of materials desired trucked in. Vice Chairman Caron commented the contractor spoke of something very similar to the ¾ minus that is on the Red Maple Trail.

Vice Chairman Caron noted the contractor believes he could do the work from the gate at the top of Conservation Drive. Part of the quote is fixing the drainage swale on the Red Maple Trail the Commission has been unable to address with the Forester. Commissioner Perry noted the first day of school is September 8<sup>th</sup>. He questioned how the funding source could be approved if the cost of hardpack is unknown at this time.

Chairman Tenhave suggested a motion could be made for a not to exceed amount. He commented it may be that the Town has an account available that could be utilized and reimbursed by the Commission. Commissioner Perry will follow up with Paul Micali, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT, FOR THE SCOPE OF WORK IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE QUOTE, TO ALPHA TRACTOR WORKS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,200), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKLOADS OF HARDPACK. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FUND 53**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOISVERT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5-0-0**

Vice Chairman Caron remarked, with this project and all of the work the Sub-Committee has completed in the past two years, they have minor amendments to the Stewardship Plan and significant amendments to Appendix E to offer. He noted most of the proposed projects identified in Appendix E have been completed. The desire is to remove the completed projects, add one, and reorganize Appendix E. The suggested amendments will be prepared and provided the Commission for its September meeting.

Chairman Tenhave stated the Stewardship Plan was accepted by the Town Council. However, their approval was not required. The process of going before the Council was to gain their input. He stated his preference to include the Council in the update. For the sake of preserving historical information, he suggested addressing it in a manner which identifies completed projects, e.g., either update the existing appendix to identify completed projects or create an additional appendix that lists completed projects. Once consensus is reached with regard to the updated plan, it should be brought forward to the Council to make them aware of the adjustments that have been made and offer to meet with the Council to discuss the changes should they wish to engage in such a discussion. A similar discussion could take place with the School Board.

When asked, Chairman Tenhave stated his preference for a separate appendix to be drafted identifying completed projects, and an amendment to the Table of Contents to include the new appendix. Councilor Vaillancourt stated agreement with the importance of preserving the historical information. Vice Chairman Caron commented the completion dates for each of the projects are known and could be added to the appendix as well as project descriptions and dates for Eagle Scout projects.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Update on Environmental Impact Study for the HHNP and Gilmore Hill Memorial Forest.

Chairman Tenhave reiterated Mr. Littleton will be providing a draft in the following week. The process of completing the wetlands evaluations continues (paperwork).

Additional funds are needed in order to complete the project. Commissioner Perry noted the Commission had authorized the Chairman to approve expenditures up to 10% over the anticipated cost. Chairman Tenhave responded a good portion of that was expended when the additional work for the transmitters was approved.

In his communication, Mr. Littleton states his budget stands with approximately \$200 remaining. Additional time was allotted for bird, plant, and turtle survey as well as wetland evaluations. There were significantly more wetlands and vernal pools than was originally anticipated. In addition to that, time is allotted for meeting with the Commission. Mr. Littleton has indicated the need for an additional \$4,500 to complete the tasks and all reporting. He questioned if the Commission would be willing to spend the additional money required by the Botanists and others to file the rare species observations with the New Hampshire National Heritage Bureau. Those consultants would require an additional \$2,000.

Commissioner Perry questioned if the New Hampshire National Heritage Bureau could be expected to provide the Commission with a copy of the database for Merrimack listing all species that have been identified.

Councilor Vaillancourt questioned what the total expenditure would be if the Commission were to approve the additional \$6,500. Chairman Tenhave stated it would be roughly \$38,000. Councilor Vaillancourt commented the Town has expended over \$41,000 in attorney fees. Chairman Tenhave noted it should be recognized the Commission also expanded the project to cover the entire property. The expense was not associated solely with the area that would be impacted by the pipeline project. Councilor Vaillancourt stated her belief filing information on rare species with the New Hampshire Heritage Bureau would be advantageous.

Chairman Tenhave informed the Commission, at the end of the scoping meeting, time was allotted for additional comments. It was then that he questioned how to handle providing the FERC with sensitive information such as identification of rare species. The response received was that there is the ability to submit privileged comments to the FERC. It was alluded to that they would not be able to explain their action, if decisions were made based on privileged information. Councilor Vaillancourt volunteered to ask legal counsel for an opinion.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500) TO COVER COSTS IDENTIFIED IN THE WORK ORDER UPDATE RECEIVED FROM MOOSEWOOD ECOLOGICAL, LLC, AND AUTHORIZE THE PROJECT MANAGER TO APPROVE A**

**CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OR SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$650) OF THE TOTAL OF THE WORK ORDER UPDATE. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FUND 53**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5-0-0**

- Invasives at Brookside Drive – Update

Chairman Tenhave stated he has provided Mike Powers, Bay State Forestry, the signatures needed to apply for the Wetlands Permit for spraying in the wetland. The date for the spraying is not yet known. Commissioner Perry spoke of the importance of providing notification to abutters. The Commission was previously made aware of an individual who has severe allergies and two individuals who are bee keepers. Providing notification of the date of spraying would allow the individual with allergies to be away from her home and the bee keepers to keep their bees in their hives.

Chairman Tenhave stated he would obtain more definitive information from Mr. Powers as to when he believes the permit will come through. He stressed the need to be able to spray down near the water this time around. The timing of the permit may dictate whether the issue is discussed at the August or September meeting. Chairman Tenhave will amend the abutter notification letter to address this spraying event.

- HHNP Parking Lot Wetland Delineation – Update

Chairman Tenhave noted this was approved at the last meeting. However, not all of the necessary information has been provided to Tracy Tarr, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA). The information will be provided to her by the end of the week. GZA will do the work, and will provide the training session.

***The consensus was for the wetland training to be conducted on Saturday, September 12, 2015.***

- Management Plan Preparation – Forestry Plans

No update.

- Joint Meeting with the Planning Board – August 4, 2015

The agenda has been published.

- August 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting; PLC and Bean Road Bridge

Chairman Tenhave noted the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting would include a discussion with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC). Also included will be a discussion with Kyle Fox, Deputy Director, Public Works Department, regarding the Bean Road Bridge. It is likely that discussion will include a non-public session. The Commission is both part of the planning process with the NHDES in a Wetlands Permit, but also an abutter to the parcel. There will be an easement required on Commission property.

Pennichuck Water Works has a project at the South end of Town they wish to bring before the Commission before heading to the Planning Board.

- Invasive Species Meeting

Chairman Tenhave provided the Commission with a pamphlet on an invasive species meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 12th. The meeting is sponsored by the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee, and will be conducted in the Keyes Meeting Room at the Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford, NH. There is no fee for participation. Registration is required.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

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*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 3, Line 53; replace "McCabe" with "Blatchford"

Page 4, Line 13; add "percolate" after "soils"

Page 5, Line 23; add "the fact that we don't know" before "which plan is being addressed"

Page 5, Line 32 and 33; add "the impact to our" after "in addition to"

Page 5, Line 33; replace "our elementary school" with "the Thorntons Ferry Elementary School".

Page 7, Line 8; replace "Chinese" with "Japanese"

Page 10, Line 17; replace "oils" with "soils"

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4-0-1**

*Commissioner Perry Abstained*

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Councilor Vaillancourt spoke of the presentation by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation on improvements being made on 101A from Craftsman Lane to Continental Boulevard. The meeting was conducted on July 27<sup>th</sup> in the Matthew Thornton Room. She was in attendance along with Police Chief Doyle and a few other Town employees. The project will result in additional lanes at the intersection of Continental Boulevard with 101A. There was discussion of altering the roadway in the area of the church. There was talk of eliminating the first crossover road completely and changing the angle of where it enters Boston Post Road. They also talked about adding sidewalks and crosswalks at that intersection. The project is listed on the Ten-Year Plan. It is anticipated work will be completed in 2024. If moving forward with the plan, a formal Public Hearing and presentation to the Town Council would be required.

Vice Chairman Caron spoke of a conversation he had with an employee at the Transfer Station during which he learned hauling a ton of waste costs \$65 whereas hauling a ton of recyclables costs \$5. He encouraged residents to recycle.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5-0-0**

*The August 3, 2015 meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan