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## MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 22, 2018

### MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:31 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Chair Gage Perry presided:

Members of the Commission Present: Matt Caron, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)  
Michael Boisvert  
Cynthia Glenn (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)  
Gina Rosati  
Tim Tenhave, Alternate Member

Members of the Commission Absent: Councilor Jackie Flood

Also in Attendance: Tom Sokoloski, TES Environmental, Bow, NH  
Greg Michael, Esq., Bernstein Shur, Manchester, NH  
Bernie Temple, ECM, Bedford, NH  
Charles Morgan, 526 DW, LLC.  
Mark Verostick, Project Engineer, VHB  
Renee Hough, Store Manager, Home Depot

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PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

APPOINTMENTS - None

### STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS

- 1. 4 & 6 Executive Park Drive Realty, LLC. (applicant/owner)** - Review for recommendation to the Planning Board for a site plan to construct 280 multi-family residential units, clubhouse, and other associated site improvements. The parcels are located at 4 & 6 Executive Park Drive in the C-2 (General Commercial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 4D, Lots 076 & 077.

Greg Michael, Esq., Bernstein Shur, stated the proposed project to be the construction of 280 apartments on the site of the previous Hilton Hotel. In the 1978-1980 timeframe the area was rezoned to commercial to facilitate the construction of the hotel, which closed many years ago. About an acre was subdivided for the Woodspring Suites. The existing building on the balance of the property was razed.

The proposal is for the reuse of that property as well as an abutting small parcel to the north. The lots will be consolidated. Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approval was received to allow the use. The project was accepted by the Planning Board and a Public Hearing scheduled.

The project was before the Commission as it is within the Aquifer Conservation District.

Displayed were “approximate” plans for the site. The plans continue to change at the requests of the Planning Board and the Town’s consulting engineers, CLD.

Attorney Michael noted the Town’s Master Plan recognizes the area for possible mixed-use.

Drainage requirements have changed since the Hilton was constructed in 1980. They were updated for the Woodspring Suite proposal. Bohler, consulting engineers, has indicated drainage will meet all new/updated requirements.

Attorney Michael stated they have been working diligently to obtain all outside permitting. The project will require a State Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit. It is in process, but not expected to be completed prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Tenhave asked for clarification not all roof water is being captured. Attorney Michael responded that is difficult to answer. A plan has been submitted to CLD based upon the drainage. The applicant is proceeding in what he believes to be the best way, across the board.

Commissioner Tenhave commented buildings that occupy a lot of square footage will capture a lot of water when it rains. Not that the water coming off the roof would have the same issue as water runoff from a parking lot, but it would be nice to know the water is captured and treated.

Chair Perry commented, particularly when all five buildings are constructed, that will be quite a volume of water going right into the Naticook Brook. Attorney Michael stated that is understood, and he is leaving that to the consulting engineers to address.

Commissioner Tenhave noted issues with water at Horseshoe Pond over the past 10 years, e.g., bacterial bloom. Fertilizer has been an issue in the area, and the Commission has stressed no use of fertilizer or certainly no fertilizer having a phosphate content. Attorney Michael stated they have no problem with that recommendation going to the Planning Board.

Commissioner Rosati noted the plans reference fertilizer with 6% Phosphorous. Attorney Michael stated they would look at that. Chair Perry noted the plans also refer to pre-planting in tree pits utilizing pellets, and that Phosphorous is already in the tablets. He stated the preference of the Commission for any topical applications to have 0% Phosphate and any nitrogen compound be slow-release.

When asked if there are sections identified for snow storage, Attorney Michael responded there will be. They continue to work with CLD and the consultants on that issue. It will either be stored onsite or removed. When asked about plans for salts and de-icing compounds, he stated ordinarily in an area where there is aquifer protection, they will be staying away from that. That is also something the Planning Board typically mandates.

Commissioner Tenhave remarked he would think the Commission would want to make its normal recommendation.

Commissioner Rosati noted she checked the list of plantings against the list of invasives and did not see any areas of concern. Chair Perry stated there to be 1 that is on the watch list; Japanese Spirea.

When asked what changes may come to be, Attorney Michael spoke of proposed parking that may or may not occur and connectivity (walking) between the two parcels (how that would play out). He spoke of the Planning Board's desire for connectivity between the two parcels, and an existing walking bridge they are considering rehabbing to create a walking connectivity.

Commissioner Tenhave spoke of a previous situation such as this where the footpath and bridge ends up in a wet area, and the Commission's recommendation that some sort of railing be erected or some other system to keep people from stomping into the wet areas. After additional discussion, Attorney Michael stated his belief if the bridge is rehabbed, railings would be needed to meet safety code. Commissioner Tenhave commented there is also the need for that railing along the entrance and exit. Attorney Michael stated an understanding of the intent.

Tom Sokoloski, TES Environmental, Bow, NH, commented it is a perennial stream, but he has never seen water in it. From the owner's perspective, they have seen water only in the earlier spring. Mr. Sokoloski commented on being in the area in October after quite a bit of rain, and there was no water in the stream channel. There is water in the channel that comes out of the northern part of the site, but it has a substantial watershed. It is a very sandy area, and he suspects it infiltrates readily when there isn't a major stormflow or spring runoff event.

Chair Perry remarked there is quite a bit of beaver activity north of the site (behind cinema). The area in question was ranked low for beaver activity because of the soils and how well it drains.

When asked Mr. Sokoloski stated the AoT is a requirement for any alteration of more than 100,000 sq. ft. of land surface. The AoT would require the site-specific soil map that he prepared. The AoT application is put together by the consulting engineer. They have done test pits and borings and found that the soils are deep sandy soils with a little bit of bedrock within 40" of the surface in the northwestern corner of the site.

When asked about movement of terrain, he stated he is unsure of the final grading as he has not seen those plans, but he expects they would need to bring the grades down in some places and build them up in others to make it level as there is a fair amount of slope.

When asked what type of bridge would be over the flow area on the northernmost property, he remarked there is no bridge. There will basically be a large culvert, which hasn't been finally designed at this point, although in discussions with the engineer the original concept was for a large elliptical concrete arch with an open bottom with no alteration of the streambed so there is no attempt to replicate materials within the culvert or to have a need for any kind of stone aprons to slow velocities throughout this section of the channel. It would essentially be undisturbed in terms of the channel itself with an overarching culvert structure.

Commissioner Tenhave noted the proposed future expansion of parking and questioned if that was being proposed to meet parking space requirements. Attorney Michael stated that to be the case. They are of the opinion they are not needed. The plans show it as proposed future parking, if needed. Where it will end up is up to the Planning Board. Commissioner Tenhave suggested it may be that the Commission wishes to recommend that expanded parking be limited if possible.

**2. Charles Morgan (applicant) and 526 DW, LLC (owner)** - Review for recommendation to the Planning Board of a waiver of full site plan review for the addition of 76 vehicle parking spaces. The parcel is located at 526 Daniel Webster Highway in the C-2 (General Commercial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts and Wellhead Protection Area. Tax Map 5D-2, Lot 001.

Commissioner Tenhave noted he utilizes Vault Storage, and requested if anyone had a concern with his participation that it be made known. Attorney Michael commented on the number of people who utilize the storage.

Attorney Michael stated the area has been paved for many years. The Porsche/Audi dealership in Nashua is looking for a site to store up to 76 new cars in the winter. Its seasonal nature means the Farmer's Market will still be able to be held at the site.

The area has been used for parking on a transient basis for many years. Attorney Michael spoke of the concern with spillage, etc. In this instance, the cars would be dropped off and parked by professionals and stored in the location. The intent is to protect the property by having bi-weekly inspections of the area and spill kits nearby (just in case). The likelihood of there being a significant issue with new vehicles is small.

Attorney Michael stated they are not changing/modifying the site, they are allowing an area they do not need to satisfy their parking requirements to be used.

Chair Perry noted the property is close to wells 4 & 5. The Commission has seen the property previously.

*The Commission had no comments to offer.*

**3. Merrimack Parcel A, LLC. (applicant/owner)** - Review for recommendation to the Planning Board of a site plan application for 372,800 square feet of development including retail, hotel/event center, restaurant, office, multi-family residential uses and associated parking and drainage improvements, in accordance with the Merrimack Park Place mixed-use Conditional Use Permit. The parcel is located at 10 Premium Outlets Boulevard in the I-2 (Industrial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts and Wellhead Protection Area. Tax Map 3C, Lot 191-02.

Mark Verostick, Project Engineer, VHB, stated the project is a proposed mixed-use development. The applicant was before the Commission in October concerning wetland impacts associated with the round-about.

The project is currently before the Planning Board. This is the first phase of the project, which received a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) last January. The next step in the process is Site Plan Application, which is currently before the Planning Board. The project is in the Aquifer Conservation District.

The existing site is approx. 20 acres located at the intersection of Industrial Drive and Premium Outlets Boulevard. It is an out parcel that was created when the Merrimack Premium Outlets (MPO) project was done. Currently it is vacant, largely cleared, and rough graded in anticipation of eventual commercial development. Existing on the site is an emergency access road (gated). There is a stormwater basin that was designed and constructed as part of the MPO project to receive stormwater from both Premium Outlets Boulevard and some future development. As part of the project, that basin would be expanded.

The proposed development is intended to have residential, retail, restaurant, office, hotel, and a convention center area. The three buildings in the northern part are intended to have residential uses on the upper floors. Ground floor would be restaurant/retail. Another building would be an office building with ground

floor retail/restaurant, and the other is a proposed hotel with a conference center. There will be parking areas around the perimeter. There will be on-street, parallel parking down the main boulevard. All stormwater from the site will be collected in catch basins and pipes and directed to a surface filtration basin. It was originally designed and constructed per NHDES rules.

The project will expand the existing outline (25-30% increase in footprint area). The basin will have a 24" layer of filter media underlined by an underdrain, which currently exists. It conveys stormwater over to the existing pond on the other side of Premium Outlets Boulevard, which has an outlet control structure, which regulates flow, and then outlets from that comes across Industrial Boulevard to the existing wetlands on Fidelity's property.

When asked for clarifying information, Mr. Verostick stated they have reviewed the flows going to Fidelity. When they did the stormwater analysis, in the two-year storm, there was approx. ½ CFS increase going to that. They went back to look at a way to modify the pond to take care of that flow. What they have proposed is modifying the outlet control structure by changing some of the orifices. It won't require any ground disturbance. That existing storage in the detention pond allows them to mitigate that ½ CFS increase and eliminate the subsurface infiltration system.

Vice Chair Caron questioned if there is a structure above the newly proposed road to the north of the site. Mr. Verostick pointed to an area on a plan noting gravel wetland that was constructed during the permitting of the MPO project. It only receives runoff from Spruce Street. It was a way to mitigate water quality that was running onto the site. When asked, he stated the outlet connects over to a basin, but none of the runoff from the proposed site will go into that gravel wetland.

Commissioner Tenhave commented on the project being phased, and questioned which would be constructed at this time. Mr. Verostick stated all of it is essentially Phase I. There could be a future Phase II with a building and a parking structure. That would have to be a separate site plan approval, if and when it came to fruition.

Chair Perry questioned whether the filtration socks would be filled on site. He stated concern that it be good composted material, e.g. nothing live, no seeds left, etc.

Commissioner Tenhave requested information be provided relative to plantings. Mr. Verostick stated they would be a mixture of deciduous shade trees and evergreens planted along the northern boundary intended to help create additional screening to the residential neighbors to the north. Commissioner Tenhave noted the goal of the Commission to encourage native species.

Chair Perry noted the recommendation of the Commission for use of low-phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer.

Commissioner Rosati questioned if the property is located near the Rookery. Vice Chair Caron stated there are a few nests in the pond that the outflow gets to.

When asked about snow storage, Mr. Verostick stated the general intent is to utilize areas onsite around the perimeter of the parking area. They must maintain a certain number of parking spots onsite. Anything in excess of what could be managed onsite would be trucked offsite.



Chair Perry noted the Commission's recommendation that the use of de-icing compounds be minimized, applicators be Green SnowPro Certified, and, if needed, low-phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer be used.

Vice Chair Caron questioned and was informed the gated emergency access would remain as such.

**4. Renee Hough, Store Manager, The Home Depot** - Discussion regarding a potential site plan amendment to revise notes regarding winter ice & snow removal and outdoor storage of pressure treated lumber. The parcel is located at 721 Milford Road in the C-2 (General Commercial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts and Wellhead Protection Area. Tax Map 2B, Lot 030.

Renee Hough, Store Manager, Home Depot, spoke of challenges being faced with the restrictions regarding no salt use. The desire is to have the plans amended to allow the use of a green product. She spoke of the safety concern; last week alone had 4 associates and 1 customer injured. They are just using sand, and once the snow covers the ice there is a huge problem.

Ms. Hough noted available selling space in the front of the store, and the desire to be permitted to place the pressure treated fencing out along with the other fencing so that customers can have a better flow of shopping (during spring).

When asked if the store purchases any Chromate Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated lumber, Ms. Hough stated every Home Depot store east of the Rockies uses MCA, which is the Micronized Copper Azole treated lumber. Chair Perry noted at the end of 2003, CCA was outlawed in residential buildings. Starting in 2004 there had to be some other options, and that is why you are seeing now you can buy different grades of pressure treated lumber. Ms. Hough stated everything in this area is also treated to ground contact retention levels. Chair Perry commented the notes were put in place prior to that time, and anything that was of a concern at that time has been dealt with already.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE TO AMEND NOTE #24 BY ADDING "CCA BASED" BEFORE "PRESSURE TREATED LUMBER" IN BOTH INSTANCES WHERE IT APPEARS  
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI**

#### ON THE QUESTION

Commissioner Tenhave stated the area across the street, behind PC Connection, is one of the largest aquifers in this general area. Water from there feeds the Pennichuck system, wells 6, 7, and 8 for Merrimack, and the Hollis area as well. Both the entrance and exit patterns at Home Depot are down slope. If water isn't being captured, going into the drainage and then into those swales, that salt is going to run across the road and potentially into the wetlands.

He stated his belief the drainage system does eventually go out behind PC Connection. The question is does the water get treated enough times to dissipate out some of the salt. Salt is extremely soluble; mixes in water and only comes out if it is evaporated or through the desalination processes (squeezing through filters that are so small that it becomes very expensive).

The desire is to capture it and give it an opportunity to be in one spot where the water either evaporates or filters down into the ground with the hope that it does not result in taking the salt down into the ground and into the aquifers at the same time.

The State created a program called Green SnowPro to certify sand and salt contractors and plow contractors how to utilize de-icers in a judicious way to be sensitive to the environment, but also to remove ice and the safety issue.

Ms. Hough stated the store's service provider is certified in that way. Commissioner Tenhave noted that also provides relief to the owner of the property; if following the guidelines and have a certified contractor doing your work, liability would be limited in the event someone were injured. The State provides some of that risk mitigation through State RSA.

Vice Chair Caron questioned if the store has someone that comes in to maintain the drainage system. Ms. Hough stated there to be regular maintenance for everything coordinated through the corporate office. There is also a partnership with Outdoor Unlimited. The company is aware of the practice of no fertilizer use up on the hill, etc. In terms of wastewater and those practices, she would have to go through the corporate office to learn if they have anything that results from those visits.

Vice Chair Caron commented, from the plan, it looks like the structures are on the back side of the property. It is not collecting anything where the cars are. Chair Perry stated it looks as if the only things on the exterior are the swales going down the sides of the roadway.

Ms. Hough commented, at the store level, they are responsible for the apron area (outside the door) and the back. She spoke of the desire to work with the Commission to identify eco-friendly materials that could be used, when needed.

Commissioner Tenhave questioned and was told there are storm drains in the rear of the building. He stated a desire to understand the mechanics of the system, e.g., if all interconnected and part of the rest of the system, if there was salt that mixed with water it would be captured in the drains and then directed somewhere where it could be properly processed. If it was dumping straight into the ground, you would worry about ground damage or if you have an abutter with a well you would not want to be giving them salt water. He stated he would be more open to allowing it if it was known that all the drains are interconnected and part of a drainage system. He stated his recollection there was trouble with the well of one of the abutters during the blasting phase of construction. Ms. Hough stated she would look to see if she could find that information.

The Commission questioned whether there are de-icers in the marketplace that are safe for water. Vice Chair Caron spoke of a byproduct of the fermentation process of beer that the State utilizes for pre-treatment. Anheuser Busch makes that available for the State. Ms. Hough will contact the Community Development Department with a request to be placed on the February meeting agenda.

Commissioner Tenhave noted the Director of Public Works, Kyle Fox, was previously employed by the State, and may be able to provide additional information on their practices. Another source of information may be the UNH Cooperative Extension.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seedling Giveaway

Chair Perry spoke of the information provided with the agenda, and requested feedback from the Commission relative to the list of seedlings proposed for purchase. When asked, he stated it was the evergreen trees that remained after last year's event.

Vice Chair Caron suggested the American Larch is likely an evergreen, and what he believes would be least popular. Commissioner Rosati questioned if White Maple is an option. It was suggested Commissioner's review the list of offerings (<http://www.nhnursery.com/seedlings/>). The item will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

### 2. Fields Farm Subcommittee

Draft language was provided as part of the agenda for the Commission's December 4, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE TO APPROVE THE CHARGE OF THE FIELDS FARM SUB-COMMITTEE, AS PRESENTED AND BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GLENN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

### 3. Annual duck box cleaning & inventory

Vice Chair Caron commented on being out of pine shavings used to line the boxes. He spoke of a duck box (above the dam) that he checked on a few occasions, each time finding whole eggs, which is an indication a predator scared away the ducks. The boxes will have to be relocated as this is the second year in a row where whole eggs have been left.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF PINE SHAVINGS TO BE USED IN THE ANNUAL DUCK BOX CLEANING. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FUND 53**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Tree Farm vote

*A detailed discussion of the pros and cons of participation in the New Hampshire Tree Farm Program took place at the Commission's December 4, 2017 meeting.*

Chair Perry spoke of working with the Community Development Department to locate a list of properties in the Tree Farm Program. He noted the MVD has a parcel on Mast Road. He would not want to consider moving out of the program without first speaking with others in Town who could be impacted.



*The matter will be tabled until the information can be provided.*

## 2. Chapter 111 update

Commissioner Tenhave noted Rev. B of the document is representative of the changes the Commission recommended as part of its review. Tim Thompson, Director, Community Development Department, reviewed the document, and provided additional input, e.g., extension of timeframe for the department to respond. A request was submitted for the item to appear on the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the Town Council. The tentative date is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Society for the Protection of NH Forests membership donation

Chair Perry noted the Commission typically provides a donation for membership. Monies are included in the Town budget (\$250.00).

The Commission was unaware of the exact amount, and requested the donation not exceed that of last year.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO RENEW THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00). FUNDING SOURCE IS THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOISVERT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

- Merrimack Parks & Recreation Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival will be conducted on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rosati volunteered to man a booth. It was suggested the new maps be displayed, and information be available regarding membership openings on the sub-committees.

Commissioner Tenhave noted the website has been updated so that at each one of the property pages users can obtain the Papergraphics map. Users also have the option of getting direct access to the GIS system at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) (that version of the map) site. There is also a link there on how to get the Esri app set up.

- Sub-committee Updates

## Wildcat Falls

Commissioner Rosati spoke of a discussion around whether each sub-committee might like to conduct a “Meet your Park Hike”. The hikes could take place at a different park each week. Commissioner Boisvert suggested information on the hikes be advertised in local newsprint. It was suggested the hikes be planned for the September-early October timeframe to ensure the best weather conditions possible. Commissioner Tenhave suggested the name of the event reference conservation areas not parks.

Commissioner Rosati stated she would provide a reminder of the 1 cubic yard of gravel for the picnic area when the weather conditions improve.

The question came up of how to add “no hunting” language to the signage at the kiosk. Commissioner Tenhave stated it to be Chapter 111 that has the restriction on the discharge of a firearm or air powered rifle or bow. That is the wording that should go on the sign. There is a sign that already does that, which he plans on installing.

The Sub-committee questioned signage that could be placed in the kiosk of every property that would address the issues of bears and ticks. The opinion expressed by the Commission was that language about contact with a bear would be alarming for no reason.

Commissioner Rosati noted changes that would be made to the website; removal of Rebecca Brenton and Tim Tenhave and the addition of Gina Rosati (noting her term to expire on 7-31-20) to the list of Sub-committee members.

#### Horse Hill Nature Preserve

Will meet on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

The Sub-committee needs additional maps. It was suggested a sign could be posted along the lines of “Save a Tree; Use a QR Code”.

#### Grater Woods

The Sub-committee will meet on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Commissioner Boisvert noted the Silver Fish Trail needs a few additional red markers for ease of navigation in the winter months.

Commissioner Tenhave spoke of the current weather pattern; 50-degree temps expected the following day and an inch of rain followed by 40-degree temps over the weekend. Discussion was had around it being an early mud season, and whether postings should be put up. Commissioner Rosati offered to put a notice on the Merrimack Outdoors Facebook page.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

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*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 3, Line 6; replace “term” with “terms”

Page 3, Line 13; delete the comma after “campus”

Page 4, Line 1; replace “lay people” with “laypeople”

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOISVERT TO ACCEPT, AS AMENDED**

**MOTION SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CARON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tenhave informed the Commission he followed up with Ethan Belair, Hillsborough County Forester, UNH Cooperative Ext., and provided him the requested information.

The largest notable update on the website is the addition of the links to the NRPC GIS maps as well as the Esri app. This is the last quarter of the first year. There is the need for a contract update come March. He has requested a quote from Wetherbee Creative. The existing contract has been at \$260/quarter (3.5 hours work). This last quarter will include photo gallery updates, which will allow the Commission to begin adding photos. There has been talk of having a projects page. The structure for those pages will be put in place, and the Commission will be responsible for providing content.

Commissioner Tenhave remarked in November, he agreed to do a snowshoe walk at Wasserman Conservation Area at 10:00 a.m. on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It has been advertised through the Parks and Recreation winter brochure, etc. He stated concern with whether there will be conditions to do a snowshoe walk.

Commissioner Rosati spoke of a hiker in one of the Merrimack properties who came across a wounded German Shepherd. The individual brought the dog to the New Hampshire Animal Rescue League, which in turn brought the dog to Ponemah Vet in Amherst where he underwent emergency surgery.

Anyone wishing to can donate to the cost incurred by the Animal Rescue League of Bedford by visiting their website.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GLENN TO ADJOURN**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CARON**  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
**6-0-0**

*The January 22, 2018 meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.*

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan