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## MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MAY 6, 2019

### MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:31 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Chair Gage Perry presided:

Members of the Commission Present: Michael Boisvert  
Cynthia Glenn  
Steven Perkins  
Gina Rosati  
Michael Swisher, Alternate member  
Tim Tenhave, Alternate Member (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

Members of the Commission Absent: Matt Caron, Vice Chair  
Councilor Peter Albert

Also in Attendance: Bill Wilkes, Merrimack Office Properties, LLC  
Tom Zajac, Jr., P.E. Senior Engineer, Hayner/Swanson, Inc.  
Chris Guida, Principal, Fieldstone Land Consultants  
Lenny Worster, President, Last Rest Cemetery  
Lawrence Marquis, 19 Hillside Terrace  
Kevin Anderson, Engineer, Meridian Land Services  
Stephen Chase, 85 Woodward Road  
Brett Allard, Esq., Bernstein, Shur

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*Chair Perry designated Michael Swisher to sit for Matt Caron and Tim Tenhave for Peter Albert.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

**APPOINTMENTS** - None

### **STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS**

1. **Merrimack Office Properties, LLC (applicant/owner)** – Review for recommendation to the Planning Board for a waiver of full site plan review to construct a proposed 420 square foot building entrance with associated site improvements. The parcel is located at 11 Continental

Boulevard in the I-1 (Industrial), Aquifer Conservation, and Wellhead Protection Districts. Tax Map 3D, Lot 003.

Tom Zajac, Jr., P.E. Senior Engineer, Hayner/Swanson, Inc., noted the project is that of a small building entrance addition and minor site improvements. The approx. 7.5-acre site is zoned industrial and abutted by industrial uses to the north and west, residential to the south and Shaws shopping center to the east. With relatively flat topography, the site is mostly developed with an existing roughly 71,000 sq. ft. multi-tenant industrial building and associated parking. The easterly portion contains a shared-access driveway with the Shaws shopping center, and the southerly portion is wooded and provides a buffer to residents. The site is serviced by public sewer, water by the Merrimack Village District (MVD), and underground gas, electric, and telecommunication utilities.

Proposed is the construction of a 420 sq. ft. building entrance addition on the northerly side of the existing building along with minor site improvements. The existing building contains about 12,000 sq. ft. of vacant 2nd floor space. It has been vacant for some time for two main reasons; lacks a prominent building entrance and does not have parking in close proximity to the entrance.

Site improvements include the addition of 6 parking spaces along the existing driveway and new curbing and sidewalk. The site currently complies with Town standards relative to winter maintenance being performed by a Green SnowPro Certified contractor. Used, when needed, is no-phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer.

The project would disturb approx. 2.5% of the 7.5-acre site. Less than 0.1 acres of impervious area would be added. There are no wetland or wetland buffer impacts associated with the project. Given the minor nature of the project, being requested is a waiver of full site plan from the Planning Board (May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting).

Asked how they arrived at the 6 parking spaces Mr. Zajac responded there is more than adequate parking available onsite. The intent was simply to add more spaces in closer proximity to the new building entrance.

Bill Wilkes, Merrimack Office Properties, LLC, commented, the additional spaces would be primarily for visitor parking. One of the complaints has been insufficient space for visitor parking. The spaces would be labeled visitor parking.

Chair Perry noted the area in question was not part of the original snow storage area; will have very little, if any, impact in that regard.

Asked how stormwater would be captured from the new entrance area, Mr. Zajac noted the new parking area would drain back out into the existing/enclosed drainage system. Minimal grading and impact are needed in terms of the design of the new parking spaces. The addition would tie into the existing roof drainage.

**2. Last Rest Cemetery Association (applicant/owner) – Review of NHDES Wetland Permit Application, which proposes 1,525 square feet of poorly drained wetland impact associated with future access drive. The parcel is located at 7 Hillside Terrace in the R-1 (Residential, by soils) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 5D-3, Lot 037.**

Chris Guida, Principal, Fieldstone Land Consultants, stated the project to be that of a construction

entrance, for all cemetery purposes, and a proposed ongoing expansion project.

Mr. Guida commented on the age of the cemetery noting a lot of the pavement is in rough shape. The desire is to avoid and/or minimize wetland impact/crossing. Alternate entrances were reviewed and noted to be extremely narrow, pavement in rough shape, too close in proximity to gravestones, etc. There were no other options for any equipment/vehicles having any type of weight using those access points.

The area option addresses the need for a suitable construction entrance large enough for vehicles and equipment, and location (lines up with next proposed sections of cemetery). The area has been worked a bit in the past and has had some issues with drainage. The culvert to the entire area is 12" and comes under Hillside Drive, extends across the abutters and out before discharging. Elevation is too great forcing water that normally drains downslope unable to exit.

Mr. Guida pointed out the area of crossing on a map noting although there appears to be another opportunity for crossing with less impact, the alternate, although not jurisdictional wetland, is not overly dry. The area lacks the necessary elevation to make it drain the way it should. The proposed area lends itself to the roadway while not impacting drainage downstream. It is a low area at the toe of the slope. By positioning the proposed access road at the height of land, they are proposing to fill in an end of the forested wetland area (placing 15" culvert). There is grading to lift the access way up. Any stormwater or surface flow that may occur in springtime would be allowed to pass through the area. Total impact is approx. 1,525 sq. ft. of Palustrine Forested wetland. Also designated as disturbed and ditched.

Chair Perry questioned if the plan addresses the existing ponding along the side of the road, and was informed it does not. Mr. Guida stated the only way to change any of the existing ponding would be to replace the culvert under Hillside Terrace and re-elevate it. He believes it goes some distance on the abutting property.

Asked what the issue is relative to upgrading the existing driveway, Lenny Worster, President, Last Rest Cemetery, stated all future expansion will be to the north. He displayed plans that depicted the areas where the office and garage are located, occupied sections, those being worked on, and the locations of the proposed access and future expansion. They closed the accesses off Baboosic Lake Road and 1-2 of the accesses off Church Street years ago. In order to get a better traffic flow, they propose the second access on Hillside Drive.

Asked if there is a reason why the existing access could not be upgraded. Mr. Worster stated it to be a matter of circulation more than anything. The proposal does not close the existing access; would be 2 access points to Hillside Drive.

Being requested of the Commission was to sign off on an Expedited Permit.

Chair Perry commented it would seem the project would increase flow to an abutter's property. Mr. Guida stated there is some impervious area. With the infiltration, any increased flow would be minimal. Asked if there are plans for guardrails, etc. to keep people from pulling off the side of the road or parking in the wetland, Mr. Guida stated there to be no proposal for guardrails at this time. Commissioner Tenhave suggested something (permanent) be done to prevent people from pulling into the wetland. Mr. Guida suggested it could be lined with boulders or something similar.

Commissioner Tenhave remarked the project would fill part of a wetland that presently is providing some infiltration. He questioned where the water that would have been infiltrated there would go.

It was noted, because of the soils of the wetland itself, there is minimal infiltration. Mr. Guida remarked there is a soil change where it goes from a Hinkley sands and gravel down into more of a silt and till component. There will be, as part of the cemetery expansion and the process with the Planning Board, some type of drainage design.

***There being no objection, Chair Perry opened the floor for public comment.***

Lawrence Marquis, 19 Hillside Terrace

Noted the location of the wetland and a culvert that appears to be plugged as there is ponding. He suggested that could be relieved if the project would cut through to get the water so that it would drain into the culvert that goes across. Prior to the installation of the culvert, the area experienced a problem in the spring where the water on the street went half-way across over to Mr. Killkelly's yard (exits near the powerlines). There was a danger of motorists hitting the puddle, particularly in the evening hours, and skidding. Years ago, he successfully petitioned the Town to have the culvert installed. It never addressed draining the area where the ditch is; high spot that runs along the side of the road trapping water.

He suggested, as part of the project, some kind of ditch was created to get the water out into the existing flow. The Town has not maintained the ditch, which is now overgrown with grasses, etc.

Commissioner Tenhave asked for clarification the intent was to provide the access from the wet area, through the ditch, to the culvert. Mr. Guida responded they can. There are a bunch of different piles throughout the area, and the water gets through in spots. He stated that could be looked at. It would result in additional impact. Chair Perry suggested the Public Works Department be involved.

Mr. Marquis suggested they simply expand the existing entrance rather than having two entrances to the same place within a few hundred feet of each other.

Commissioner Swisher questioned the trees that would be removed in the future. Mr. Guida outlined the area that would accommodate a path for the road. Commissioner Swisher noted the trees take up a lot of the water and slow down the flow. He questioned the pitch of the topography, and was informed it is about 2-3%. Mr. Guida stated they could speak with the PWD to discuss roadside ditch maintenance.

Commissioner Tenhave commented on his hesitancy being with regard to the necessity. He questioned the desire for the expedited permit. Mr. Guida responded the intent had been to get the project permitted in the wintertime; however, they ran into delays on their end. It does not necessarily have to be expedited. Typically, with the smaller impacts they file under the expedited.

Commissioner Tenhave remarked were he to provide comments to NHDES, he would question the need, e.g., why disturb the wetland at all. It would appear it is possible to expand the current entrance without a wetland impact.

Mr. Guida remarked it is possible. He is not a professional in regard to cemetery operations, flow patterns, etc. He could review it with Last Rest and provide more information if NHDES were to

require it. Commissioner Tenhave commented another concern is how the water will be handled. If the thought was to direct it to the wetland and therefore out the culvert, the wetland now becomes a more interesting wetland. Mr. Guida remarked with regard to the development, it will fall under site plan review with stormwater design and basins to management. It will not be significant because it is mostly grass that will infiltrate, but there are slopes that go up there. That will be caught in detention basins to prevent anything going offsite. They are actively working on it, and within less than a month, would have the drainage design and expansion done.

Commissioner Tenhave commented normally the Commission sees an entire project, and at this time all they are seeing is a permit for a roadway. It is quite clear there will be more work going on.

Commissioner Tenhave noted the Commission does not have the ability to say yes or no to the project. What it can do is provide input to NHDES who would or would not permit the wetland impact. He suggested NHDES be made aware of the concerns of the Commission regarding whether there is a true need, and that without seeing the entire project it is hard to understand how the wetland itself would be impacted by future development in that area.

**3. Kinsley Osgood-Barnard (applicant/owner)** – Review for recommendation to the Planning Board of a waiver of full site plan review for a dog daycare/grooming/boarding business. The parcel is located at 9 Harris Avenue in the C-1 (Limited Commercial), Aquifer Conservation and Elderly Housing Overlay Districts and Wellhead Protection Area. Tax Map 6D-1, Lot 038.

Kevin Anderson, Engineer, Meridian Land Services, stated the project to be an expansion of the residential dwelling. It originally started out as a doggie daycare grooming and boarding business, but has been pared down to grooming alone. A 20 x 30 addition had been proposed strictly for the dog business (pared down). The upstairs will be residential, and the downstairs a garage, mud room, and the business area (about 100 sq. ft. of dog grooming space).

The house is 100+ years old. There is a need for an addition to the business. The property is within the Aquifer Overlay District, which is what brings the project before the Commission. There are no wetlands on the property.

He was before the Commission to address any concerns on the application prior to going before the Planning Board (in June).

Commissioner Tenhave questioned how stormwater is intended to be addressed with the addition. Mr. Anderson noted there to be no provisions for stormwater. The project is a residential expansion; water will run off the roof onto the ground. To the rear of the property is a wetland, managed by a catch basin. An existing structure connects to the Town's drainage system. It is believed this small amount of impervious will not have any effect to the stormwater in the area; all being managed by the structure in the wetland.

With high groundwater table, will not be able to infiltrate it. Limited things that could be done to take care of any additional stormwater. Asked if the house itself uses gutters, Mr. Anderson responded, given its age, probably not.

Asked about parking, Mr. Anderson stated the requirement to provide 2 parking spaces. They will seek to waive that requirement as individuals will simply pull into the driveway, let the dog out, and return to retrieve it.



The business is limited to that 100 sq. ft. space with a single employee. The application states no more than 2 dogs/day would be scheduled. Asked if there would be signage, Mr. Anderson stated that has not been indicated. The business is established. There is no longer the need for the fence.

**4. Stephen Chase & Robin Couineau (applicant/owner)** – Conceptual discussion of a two-lot subdivision. The parcel is located at 85 Woodward Road in the R-1 (Residential, by map) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 7A, Lot 007.

Brett Allard, Esq., Bernstein, Shur, stated he was before the Commission for a conceptual discussion about which of the two plans brought forward would be preferred by the Commission.

The property is just short of 8 acres. Being proposed is a two-lot subdivision. Attorney Allard provided drawings depicting the existing home and proposed second lot. The property has a fair amount of wetlands (Baboosic Brook cuts the property in half). Regardless of which approach is recommended, the project will need to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for subdivision approval. They have been before the ZBA, but will need to return there having to essentially restart the process.

The first concept being explored is similar to what was before the ZBA previously. A wetland runs towards the road stopping just short. They had felt it logical to draw the property line along the natural barrier the wetland already provides. That would require a frontage variance (less than 250') and soils (less than 100,000 sq. ft. contiguous on the smaller proposed lot).

The other concept is more or less the same until reaching an area where it jumps upward. The purpose being there would not be the need for a frontage variance. It would still need variances related to soils on both properties. Either option would likely require two variance requests.

Asked, Attorney Allard stated the plan is not to have any wetland impact. If all goes well with the ZBA (June timeframe) and they move on to sub-division approval, he believes the project will be back before the Commission. Commissioner Boisvert commented the plan with the increased frontage, it cuts off the driveway to the house. Attorney Allard stated that is where the applicants are residing at the moment. If the plan comes to fruition, they will sell one property and move into the next. They could do a cross easement for access when the new lot is sold.

Commissioner Tenhave commented construction of the new home, the driveway, proposed location does not change. Asked if that is dictated by setbacks, Attorney Allard remarked between the wetlands and property lines, there is not a huge building envelope, but enough where you can get the septic system, well, and proposed dwelling in without setback variances.

Commissioner Tenhave commented when the Commission looks at subdivisions that include septic as opposed to sewer, there is the preference to know there is enough space to accommodate a second location should the septic fail or be large enough to accommodate a four-bedroom home.

Attorney Allard stated the main difference to be the proposed boundary line at the road and the trajectory it takes.

Commissioner Tenhave stated the belief the option with the extended area would require the two neighbors to reach agreement on who will maintain it; especially since it has the current driveway in it.

In regard to issues of concern to the Commission, there is no particular preference.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Sklar Park clean up**

Commissioner Boisvert spoke of a group from Fidelity conducting a clean-up day at the Wasserman Conservation Area. They may be interested in joining the group from Anheuser Busch in the clean-up of the Sklar Waterfront Park. The planned date is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. With the possibility of the activity occurring at two locations on the same day, assistance was requested. Commissioner Rosati volunteered to participate.

The details of whether the two activities will occur simultaneously remain to be worked out. The River Network had a slight preference for Saturday. Commissioner Boisvert remarked he is uncertain if they realize the level of volunteerism needed for this effort does not reach that which was needed for this property last year.

The Town has offered to once again provide assistance in terms of equipment.

Chair Perry noted NHDES has put out application information for the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Grant funds. Pre-proposal applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. He questioned the will of the Commission regarding contracting with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc (GZA) to do this work, e.g., Sklar Waterfront Park relative to improvements, e.g., floodplain.

Commissioner Rosati suggested the Commission pinpoint the work to be done and put a plan in place to apply for next year's grant process. Chair Perry noted the service area for this year's grant process is specific to this area; encompasses the Merrimack River/Merrimack. He would like to task GZA with identifying whether there is a project that would fit, and if time would permit.

Commissioner Swisher questioned if the service area is Merrimack River specific or if the erosion by the canoe launch would be a qualifying project. Chair Perry stated the question could be asked.

The next meeting of the Commission is May 20<sup>th</sup>. If deciding to move forward, and take formal action to authorize the associated cost at that time, the available timeframe for the work to be done would not be sufficient.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO SET ASIDE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) FROM FUND 53 FOR TRACY TARR, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC. TO EVALUATE MERRIMACK RIVERFRONT PROPERTY AT SKLAR TO DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO QUALIFY FOR THE PRE-PROPOSAL AQUATIC RESOURCE MITIGATION FUND FOR 2019**

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GLENN**

## **ON THE QUESTION**

Commissioner Tenhave questioned what the project would be. He noted the work GZA has been doing to identify primary locations for projects has not reached the point of identifying specific projects. He questioned if what was being asked of GZA was to review the area and recommend a

project(s) to put forward. Chair Perry stated it to be his intent GZA be asked to recommend project(s) and submit the pre-proposal.

Commissioner Tenhave questioned the ranking the site received. Chair Perry was uncertain of the exact classification, but was certain the entire area ranked high. Commissioner Rosati remarked, if the criteria under which a pre-proposal would be submitted for that area, because of being a floodplain, is limited to functions and values to be replaced, she does not see there being an applicable project. Chair Perry commented GZA would review the area and advise whether an applicable project could be identified.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-1-0**

*Commissioner Tenhave voted in opposition*

Commissioner Tenhave stated his opposition to be his desire to spend the funds in the Grater Woods area, believing that area was ranked higher.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Chapter 111 Update**

Commissioner Tenhave spoke of research conducted on the deeds of each of the properties (60<sup>±</sup>) identified as having the potential to be included in Chapter 111. Data sought was whether the deed or any legal document surrounding the property identified a restriction of some form.

The information provided by the Town included sales information with a book and page. Although you would think that was the deed for the property, in fact it was the last time something was done on the property through NH deeds, e.g., if there was an easement placed on the property after it was sold, that is the one called out. Additional information is needed to locate the deeds that indicate ownership as the starting point for the research. Another intended outcome of data gathering was to obtain electronic copies that could be stored and more readily available.

The intent of the project is to identify whether to do anything to protect the properties through ordinance. The next step is to begin classifying the properties to avoid identifying an individual set of rules for each property. Commissioner Tenhave stated his belief the desire of the Commission is to identify a specific set of rules for groupings of properties based on particular attributes/needed protections. He suggested categories such as brooks/rivers/streams, actively used/recreational properties, and those random properties that should remain as is.

Commissioner Tenhave offered to spend the next few weeks proposing groupings and language to be considered.

Commissioner Rosati questioned if there should be distinctions identified such as recreational areas that do and do not permit hunting. Commissioner Tenhave agreed that should be identified. He noted the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP) is passive no motorized except for snowmobiles. The Commission may wish to consider amending language to be less or more restrictive as a means of streamlining the rules. He provided the example of considering no motorized on all properties. What drove the HHNP to be the way it is, was the absence of an active group to help manage the activity. Until a State accepted group was identified to help with it, the HHNP language disallows it. He questioned if the same thing should be done in Grater Woods.



Chair Perry noted support would be provided by the Grater Woods Sub-committee were the direction to be non-motorized. The biggest problem the group has is maintaining motorized trails. Permitting hunting is another issue the Commission may wish to take a unified position on. Chair Perry noted a charge of the Commission to strike a balance between recreation and conservation.

Commissioner Glenn stated her desire to prohibit recreational trapping and baiting on all of the properties. Presently, an individual is required to seek permission of the Commission. She questioned if the rules relative to hours could be changed. Commissioner Tenhave stated the process to be the Commission will make suggestions. A Public Hearing will be conducted. The suggestions of the Commission may change based on public input. The recommendations would go through the Town Manager and her departments, and would be provided to the Town Council, which has to approve any change to the ordinance.

Commissioner Tenhave commented there are sensitive conservation properties on the list; however, he is uncertain they are being disturbed. It may be the decision not to put language in an ordinance for those. Were an individual to drive through a wetland, it would be a violation of the wetland rules.

Commissioner Swisher questioned if the desired outcome is that by incorporating the properties into the ordinance, the undesired behavior would be reduced. Commissioner Tenhave stated that and to have the enforcement authority to address those who abuse the rules.

An example of language that should be amended is a requirement for individuals looking to camp on a property to obtain a permit. The language does not identify from where such a permit would be sought. Asked if exceptions could be granted, Commissioner Tenhave responded you can pass an ordinance, but can always go to the owner of a property seeking particular permission(s).

Commissioner Tenhave restated by incorporating the language/rules in ordinance (law), the police are able to enforce. He spoke of the nature of enforcement, e.g., if not causing any specific damage/harm, the approach is generally that of education and information gathering. Were an individual to repeat the activity, enforcement would occur. He noted for those on motorized vehicles violating an ordinance, the individual's driver's license could be impinged upon.

Commissioner Tenhave suggested the Commission target known bad behaviors. Adjustments can always be made.

Commissioner Rosati stated agreement with the suggestion made that there be an overreaching rule on all properties regarding "no baiting" and "no trapping". Chair Perry noted there to be individuals who bait for the sake of photos.

Commissioner Tenhave requested an opportunity at the next meeting to take this to the next step.

Commissioner Tenhave brought up the issue of animal waste on Commission properties. That is addressed in the dog ordinance, and is enforceable. It was suggested signage identify the ordinance.

Chair Perry stated the goal of the exercise is to provide the Town Council with recommendations for Chapter 111. The desire is to incorporate language in the ordinance that will allow for enforcement capabilities on these properties.

The Commission owns properties around Town wells. There may be a desire to restrict access/certain activities. Chair Perry spoke of the Wellhead Protection Act (400' buffer). That will be an issue in Mitchell Woods. Commissioner Tenhave noted the Town owns a large parcel of land around Well #3. The Town owns 3-4 islands (2 in the middle of the Merrimack River, Blueberry Island in Naticook Lake, etc.).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Sub-committee Updates**

#### **Wildcat Falls**

Commissioner Rosati spoke of the effort to plant native wildflowers that are favored by bees and other pollinators. At its April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission approved the proposal and purchase of plantings (included Blazing Stars) with the intent to begin this effort in Wildcat Falls.

An area of approximately 250 sq. ft. has been cleared. The seeds are available and will be planted. There will be annual flower blooms this year. Perennial flower blooms will be seen next year.

The Middle School has a wildflower area. If, following the planting, any seeds remain, Commissioner Rosati will reach out to the school to coordinate planting in their area.

Commissioner Rosati spoke of her attendance at a Grow Nashua discussion for planting pollinator gardens. She will likely continue to attend such discussions.

#### **Horse Hill Nature Preserve**

Commissioner Glenn commented on the recent meeting during which the Sub-committee discussed the bridge repairs (well done) as well as the need for post replacement. The question was asked of whether there is a budget for the property. Chair Perry responded there is no budget. It was suggested a proposal be brought forward to the Commission for consideration/approval. If the scope of the work to be done could be laid out (over a 12-month period), funding could be allocated and expended as needed.

Commissioner Tenhave suggested the Sub-committee create a capital plan whereby they identify the infrastructure items prioritizing the timing of when the projects will be addressed, e.g., bridges will need to be replaced in 3<sup>±</sup> years, etc. If the Commission approves the plan, and they follow the plan, it would avoid the need to continue to appear before the Commission for approval. The Commission could allocate funding according to the approved plan.

Commissioner Glenn stated the desire for signage informing users of the properties of the requirement for removal of animal waste (citing ordinance and fine(s)).

Commissioner Rosati stated the desire to reach out to the Conservation Commissions of Milford, Brookline, and Hollis to ascertain whether they are also dealing with issues of animal waste, and, if so, how they are addressing it.

Commissioner Glenn commented on unauthorized trail enhancements at the HHNP, e.g., bike ramps. . The procedure would be to document what was seen, dismantle it, and report back to the Commission.

### Grater Woods

A sub-group is working on modifications to the Stewardship Plan.

The vernal pool walk was conducted over the past weekend. A good deal of advertising went out. It rained right up until Saturday morning. About a dozen people participated.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Seedling Giveaway

The seedlings are ready for the event occurring May 11, 2019 at Currier Orchards.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES**

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*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 4, Line 34; delete “stated” before “provided”  
Page 5, Line 37; replace “took” with “tool”  
Page 7, Line 8; move around Oxeye Daisy and Shasta Daisy

*Commissioner Rosati noted, in the end, she swapped Brown-eyed Susan for Black-eyes Susan as Black-eyed Susan was not available.*

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO ACCEPT, AS AMENDED  
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-1**

*Commissioner Boisvert Abstained*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners discussed various ways of planting the seedlings.

Commissioner Rosati commented on the support the Commission and its sub-committees receive from the Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Departments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GLENN TO ADJOURN  
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**7-0-0**

*The May 6, 2019 meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.  
Submitted by Dawn MacMillan*