

# MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

## MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:31 p.m. at the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Chairman Tim Tenhave presided:

Members of the Commission Present: Matt Caron, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Lehman  
Gage Perry (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)  
Simon Thomson  
Eber Currier, Alternate  
Ron Davies, Alternate Member

Members of the Commission Absent: Robert Croatti, Alternate Member  
Councilor Thomas Mahon

Also in Attendance: Karen LaBonte  
Rebecca Brenton  
Gregory E. Michael, Esq., Bernstein Shur  
Rich Niles, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

---

*Chairman Tenhave appointed Alternate members Currier and Davies to serve in the capacity of voting members.*

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### APPOINTMENTS

#### **1. Meet with candidates for the Wildcat Falls Conservation Area Sub-Committee**

Commission to meet, interview, and potentially decide on members for Wildcat Falls Conservation Area Sub-Committee of the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Tenhave informed the Commission Karen LaBonte and Rebecca Brenton have expressed interest in joining the Wildcat Falls Sub-Committee, and have both been given the opportunity to review the sub-committee's charge. He noted Ms. LaBonte frequents the area often and questioned whether Ms. Brenton has had an opportunity to visit the area. Ms. Brenton responded she is new to town, drove out to the area, but is unsure if she was in the correct location. She stated if provided with a physical address, she could utilize GPS to locate the area.

Ms. LaBonte stated she spends about 6-8 hours a week in the area, frequently removes trash from the area, has had opportunities to speak with long-time residents while walking in the area, and has witnessed some areas that could be enhanced aesthetically. She remarked a resident has mentioned to her the possibility of a sewerage leak (where access road goes down to river), and stated a desire to be of assistance in addressing such issues. She remarked she had the opportunity to meet and speak with a woman who explained to her the painted walk was created in memory of a friend lost during her high school years. She suggested there may be an Eagle Scout willing to take on a project such as placement of benches.

Ms. Brenton stated she is interested in giving back to the community, has been a New Hampshire resident her entire life, and is anxious to do what she can to contribute to the community. She spoke of her willingness to do anything from physical labor to computer related work (career in high-tech).

Commissioner Lehman thanked the individuals for their willingness to serve. Vice Chairman Caron stated his pleasure both candidates touched upon their love of the outdoors and desire to participate in caring for the areas preserved for outdoor recreation.

Chairman Tenhave noted the need for the Commission to vote on the candidates and explained with four open positions the intent would be to stagger the terms. He questioned whether the candidates had a particular preference for term length.

Ms. Brenton stated a willingness to fill whatever position is needed. Ms. LaBonte stated she too was willing to commit to whatever is needed.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CARON TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE WILDCAT FALLS CONSERVATION AREA SUB-COMMITTEE; KAREN LABONTE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, REBECCA BRENTON FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, AND ANDREW DUANE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMSON**  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
**7/0/0**

Chairman Tenhave stated the need for a representation from the Commission to participate on the sub-committee. Commissioner Thomson stated a willingness to participate.

*The consensus of the Commission was for Commissioner Thomson to serve as the Commission's representative.*

#### STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS

##### **1. Restoration of the Longa Sand & Gravel Pit**

Commission to review a restoration plan for the Longa Sand & Gravel Pit located at 17 Twin Bridge Road, which lies within the Aquifer Conservation District.

Gregory E. Michael, Esq., stated he was before the Commission on behalf of the Longa family and the applicant to discuss a topic that Jack Longa, his Wife, and others in the family have discussed with him for a number of years; working toward final site restoration, closure, and possible redevelopment of the Longa Gravel Pit that has been located in Merrimack for well over 50 years.

He noted the area identified in green on the map provided (copy attached) as the former site of the landfill. He stated that portion of the site is not being addressed at this time, but rather the portion identified in yellow. He noted proposed is the commencement of site restoration of the Longa Gravel area, and noted there remains a partial active operation, e.g., there exists gravel in piles (stored), which is sold and delivered as part of a business that has been grandfathered and pre-dates zoning in the Town of Merrimack.

The proposal is to reclaim the area denoted in yellow. The long-term desire is for possible redevelopment and/or sale of the area for future development. He stated the statute (Chapter 155-E), even if grandfathered, requires site restoration be performed. He noted the applicant met with Planning Department staff, and although not impacting wetlands, the area is close and will abut and possibly go over Shoreland Protection areas. He further explained the intent is to bring the area back near to

historic grade. It will be slightly lower to avoid runoff moving toward the brook or river. It is being designed to retain runoff and activity that might result from the restoration of the pit area.

The application is required to go before the Planning Board for permit approval, and will also go before the Merrimack River Watershed Council.

Chairman Tenhave requested a more detailed description of the work being characterized as restoration. Attorney Michael remarked the site has been scooped out over the years. The elevations identified as 110, 100, etc. show the area where a bowl has been created. The desire is to bring it back to historical elevations and grade/landscape it to prevent erosion (top would be grassed). When asked if trees would be planted, Attorney Michael stated, at this point, it would likely be left open.

Mr. Rich Niles, Water Resources Project Manager, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., stated the intent is to stabilize the restored area to keep it from being susceptible to wind and water erosion, e.g., something that can support vegetated cover other than a sandy/gravelly material until the point in time when a future use is determined.

Chairman Tenhave stated the need for all materials to be maintained and noted the area is within the Aquifer Conservation District. Commissioner Perry questioned what was meant by historical elevations and was informed the elevations would be those that existed prior to digging that occurred onsite. When asked for additional clarification, Attorney Michael stated there would be some areas of 18-20' of fill. When asked what the benchmark would be, Mr. Niles stated the intent to bring the site to an elevation that would make it more suitable for a future use, as determined by the Longa family. He added the adjacent high grade areas, e.g., railroad tracks and spur track, are at an approximate elevation of 120. They propose staying below that grade to avoid runoff leaving the site. He added it is likely the elevation they would go to, at this time, would be 118. When asked whether there was an intent to reduce some of the higher elevations, Mr. Niles spoke of existing elevations as high as 150, remarked historical data could be reviewed, which could provide understanding of how the site used to drain (likely southeast). He remarked the railroad is essentially the high ground point between the river and the existing site, and there are no plans to do anything with that. When asked if the rail bed is continuous through the area he stated it is.

Commissioner Currier noted the Shoreland Protection Area is 250' and the area identified in yellow is expanding into that area. Attorney Michael responded it may be necessary to appear before the State to address that area where work may occur. He added the State mandate for restoration is to try and restore what has been disturbed and the area was disturbed well before the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) was enacted. He remarked it is not really a Shoreland Protection issue and the State mandate on gravel pits is to restore. He stated the applicant would be contacting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to determine whether any permits are required.

Commissioner Currier spoke of a concern with the types of materials that would be trucked into the site and how monitoring would occur. Attorney Michael stated his belief that discussion would take place with the Planning Board. He was unable to state what would occur as he is unclear on what the Town will require. Commissioner Currier questioned whether the same materials used for the filtration for the landfill could be used. Attorney Michael responded that was a potential option. He reiterated they would not enter the Wellhead Protection Area. Commissioner Currier stated there is a possibility rain or snow water could drain into that area. He stated that would be the main concern of the Commission. Attorney Michael stated he does not yet have a plan to monitor, and reiterated that would be discussed with the Planning Board. Commissioner Currier questioned again who would be responsible for monitoring and what the reporting requirements would be.

Mr. Niles stated reporting requirements would have to be discussed with the Planning Board; however, with regard to the responsibility of tracking and the actual activity of monitoring material coming onsite would belong to Brighter Horizons. Commissioner Currier questioned whether stipulations are in place with regard to the types of materials that could and could not be brought on site. Mr. Niles stated no contaminated material, solid waste, etc. could be brought onsite. Attorney Michael stated the intent is to bring in material that would be suitable for residential construction purposes (unrestricted use), which is the highest grade.

Chairman Tenhave spoke of the letter provided, which talks about developing and implementing a site operations and materials management plan, and noted that is not in place at this time. Attorney Michael stated the reason for that is the need to meet with different agencies and committees and take into account all feedback/requirements. After meeting with the various entities, a plan will be developed that will hopefully meet the needs of all involved.

Commissioner Perry noted it was stated the landfill area would be avoided. Attorney Michael responded "restoration activities" are not planned for that area. He remarked there has been testing done and they are not aware of any issues. He reiterated the plan is to restore the area in a way that allows for future development.

Commissioner Currier commented, according to the photos, it appears some of the area in question is wet. Attorney Michael stated there are no wetland impacts. Commissioner Currier remarked wetlands can be created by standing water and suggested it could be a fish habitat. Attorney Michael stated it is a fairly well drained area with gravel and soil. Commissioner Currier questioned whether wildlife habitat that may have been created could be disturbed. Mr. Niles remarked, in discussion with the Longa family he has learned it is an area that was excavated to a depth and essentially served as a stormwater accumulation area. Vice Chairman Caron remarked he has been in the area a number of times and found it both full of water and dry. It appears as though equipment has been backed in and loaded from that area. He remarked having the area filled addresses a safety concern that would exist when the area is wet. Commissioner Currier suggested a wetland scientist be retained to review the area. Mr. Niles stated additional discussion could be had to address the concern of interior isolated wetlands. He remarked the area is not currently wet and noted the elevation is similar to that of the river.

Commissioner Perry stated he and Vice Chairman Caron walked the area a few years back and, although the depressions were present, they were completely dry. During a subsequent visit, it was obvious the depression had been moved as trucks were being backed in and loaded with rock. He suggested the photos being reviewed were likely taken after a rain storm.

Chairman Tenhave commented, where it may not be a permanent reclamation, the Commission would prefer new species not be introduced to the area. Vice Chairman Caron questioned the square footage of the site. Mr. Niles stated the area delineated in yellow is approximately 15 acres and the area delineated in purple is approximately 12-13 acres. Chairman Tenhave questioned whether a review has been performed for the existence of rare species. Mr. Niles stated a review has not been performed recently. He noted the 2008 Lower Merrimack River Corridor Management Plan included a review of species. He added in a review of historical reports for site assessments done by EPA, NHDES, etc., no species were identified within the footprint of the site. The area of the Merrimack River Corridor is known to have certain species, but the exact locations are not always mapped. Chairman Tenhave stated he is aware there have been sightings although on the other side of the river. Chairman Tenhave stated the Commission may request an opportunity to review the application again after it has been reviewed by the Planning Board.

Chairman Tenhave stated his biggest concerns to be that water which accumulates onsite remain onsite and that avenues are not created to move it off of the site and that new species not be

introduced to the site. Mr. Niles stated the presentation to the Planning Board could provide more detailed information pertaining to species. Chairman Tenhave questioned whether any review has been conducted with regard to hazardous materials, e.g. petro oils, etc. Mr. Niles commented most of the operations where equipment is stored, etc. is in the area of Twin Bridge Road. Historically the site has a few numbers with NHDES; one associated with the landfill and others with previous site assessments. There is no current contamination on site or active NHDES file; no known issues.

The Commission was asked to prepare a communication to forward along to the Planning Board based on information understood at this time. Chairman Tenhave remarked the communication would likely speak to the types of plantings, conservation mix, etc. and the retention of any existing water onsite. Commissioner Perry requested Commissioner Currier's concerns regarding the monitoring of incoming fill be addressed.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **1. Red Maple Trail and Conservation Drive at Grater Woods**

Commission to review feedback from Forester on those two projects and take appropriate action.

Vice Chairman Caron informed the Commission he spoke with the Forester, Dan Cyr, regarding the points the Commission had discussed. With regard to the Commission's desire to combine the projects, Mr. Cyr was in agreement that could be done and may result in lower costs and perhaps increase the pool of bidders.

With regard to the concern over the recommended 1½" crushed stone bed, Mr. Cyr has suggested what is called 1½" large with substrate could be utilized, which means 1½" would be the largest, but there would also be a lot of smaller particulate and crushed stone. He added Mr. Cyr believes the cost would be roughly the same. The estimated total cost of the combined project is \$48,230.

With regard to the kiosk on Conservation Drive, Mr. Cyr stated there would be no issue with the digging of the posts, and mentioned, since the Commission wished to limit the current access point, he could bury large stone along that area to channel people down the new roadway, and avoid the need to continue the guardrail. Commissioner Thomson suggested that would have a more natural appearance and would not wear out over time. Commissioner Perry stated the need to be careful along the top area as the geotextile fabric comes in across the road and is buried underneath. Vice Chairman Caron remarked large rocks found while putting the road in could be brought back up and used in conjunction with a gate to make the area impassable by large wheeled vehicles.

With regard to the potential for a parking lot, Mr. Cyr stated his opinion incorporating a parking lot into the project may be very difficult as he does not believe there to be enough flat area at the top or any of the lower levels because of the topography. He did suggest, once the road starts to go in, that could be reviewed to see if an area could be added. Commissioner Currier remarked during times of parking restrictions due to inclement weather, individuals wishing to utilize the area for winter activities do not have an area to park legally.

With regard to the Grater Woods Gateway Hill riprap erosion issue, Mr. Cyr stated it may be able to be combined with this project, or, since likely accessing the area through the school, it may be considered as a separate activity. He suggested the area be reviewed when the weather is more permitting. Commissioner Perry suggested if the commission is going to consider adding Gateway Hill to the project, the two other hills going in and out of the wildlife openings should be considered as well. Vice Chairman Caron stated his belief it is likely a bridge will be needed at the bottom of Gateway Hill.

The next step, weather permitting, is to visit the site with Kyle Fox, Deputy Director, Public Works Department, to get the stakes laid out according to the plan.

Chairman Tenhave stated the Town's bid process would be followed. Vice Chairman Caron stated his intent to remain very involved in the process.

*The Commission was pleased with the estimate provided understanding actual costs would be understood once the bid process is complete.*

When asked if focus would be on the Red Maple Trail and Conservation Drive or whether the other infrastructure items would be addressed, Chairman Tenhave stated the desire would be to accomplish all infrastructure needs as possible; however, the Commission would wait for a professional opinion as to whether the projects should be combined or bid separately. Vice Chairman Caron noted the entrance would differ; however, that does not restrict the sub-contractors from working from separate entrances.

Chairman Tenhave noted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the School District requires a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) be provided to the School District in advance of being put out to allow for input.

## **2. Grater Woods Stewardship Plan Review**

Complete review of the current draft.

Commissioner Perry remarked the Commission left off in the area of Future Trails. He noted the only information not yet incorporated in the current version of the Plan is the Skyline Trail (B1). Commissioner Perry stated his belief, at one time, a vote was taken to name the trail "Skyline Trail". When asked how the trail should be referenced, Chairman Tenhave commented the reason he had suggested "B1" was in keeping with the other trails in the future trails area of the Plan. He questioned the will of the Commission.

*The general consensus of the Commission was to continue to reference the trail as the "Skyline Trail".*

### ***The following additional amendments were agreed upon:***

Throughout the document the words "Summary Introduction" be replaced with the word "Introduction".

Under the Introduction, replace the words "will be an excellent" with the words "is the" in the second sentence of the paragraph that begins with "The Grater Woods Stewardship Plan contains the guiding principles we follow and establishes goals for the stewardship of Grater Woods." so that the sentence reads "The Stewardship Plan, as presented herein, is the guideline to support the active management of this important natural environment."

Throughout the document, in areas where reference is made to work the Commission would be doing, the word "management" should be changed to "stewardship" with the exception of the sentence just amended to read "The Stewardship Plan, as presented herein, is the guideline to support the active management of this important natural environment."

Definitions should be listed in alphabetical order.

Commissioner Lehman questioned where the definitions for passive and active recreation came from and noted he reviewed the minutes of the meetings and found, within the January 9, 2012 meeting minutes the decision to delete the word "passive" from "passive recreation". He stated passive and active recreation definitions were not within the definitions in the first document and there was no discussion in any of the meeting minutes concerning these definitions. He suggested the definitions could be debated endlessly. It was noted the word "passive" is used on three separate occasions within the document. Commissioner Lehman suggested the words "passive" and "active" be removed

from the document completely. Commissioner Lehman read the definition of the word “passive” used in Manchester, CT, which does not include bicycling, as an example. Chairman Tenhave commented, in the definition used, the only restriction is non-motorized.

Commissioner Lehman stated his objection is a matter of process; the definition was not in the original document, which has been provided to the public as a means of soliciting input. He reiterated, within the meeting minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting, page 5 of 8, under the title of “Protect and Maintain the Unfragmented Forest” the decision was made to “Delete “passive” from “passive recreation”.

Chairman Tenhave remarked the minutes were referring to removal of the word from a particular section of the document. Commissioner Lehman stated his assumption the word “passive” would be removed from the entire document. He reiterated the work of the Commission was to review the document provided by the sub-committee and the definitions “passive” and “active” were added outside of the context of meetings. Chairman Tenhave agreed and stated Commissioner Perry was asked to provide definitions, which he has done. He suggested the time would be now to determine whether or not the Commission was in agreement with the definitions provided. Commissioner Perry stated, in any instance where the Commission had not specifically agreed upon a definition, he researched links such as New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and other groups within New England to gain definitions.

Commissioner Davies questioned whether reference to the definitions within the document is identified in some manner, bolded, italicized, etc.

*After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to italicize words for which definitions are provided in the first instance in which they occur within the document.*

Remove the definition for “DPW”. Remove the word “Food” from the definition of “EPA”. Add a definition for “Natural Community”.

Given the hour, Chairman Tenhave questioned the will of the Commission with regard to how to proceed; whether or not members were interested in scheduling several meetings in March (several days in a row) to complete the process of reviewing the Stewardship Plan or continue on. Commissioner Lehman suggested the Commission move forward with the projects and not rush through completion of the Plan. It was noted projects have not moved forward because of the absence of a Plan. Commissioner Perry questioned whether a request would have to be made of the Town Council to proceed with the projects. Chairman Tenhave stated his desire to avoid making the process political by proceeding in a fashion other than that which has been suggested. He noted the expectation was that a Plan would be put together in advance of project commencement. He stated he would be willing to appear before the Town Council should the Commission wish to make a recommendation to proceed in a different manner.

Vice Chairman Caron was in agreement with scheduling back-to-back meetings at the beginning of March to complete the process with the desire to have the Plan before the Town Council in early March, at which time the Council could be asked to review the Future Projects section first as a means of moving the identified projects forward as quickly as possible.

***The consensus of the Commission was to set the start time for the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for 6:00 p.m. and schedule a meeting for 6:00 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>.***

Returning to the discussion of the definitions of “passive” and “active” recreation, Commissioner Lehman remarked if the word “passive” is removed from the document there would be no need for a definition. Chairman Tenhave stated his understanding of the information quoted from the January 9,

2012 meeting minutes was for the word to be removed from a particular section of the document. He did not believe the Commission agreed to remove it from the entire document.

Speaking to each instance where the word "passive" appears;

Page 12; the first paragraph begins "Forests are one of the most important natural resources for both our state and our town. They provide an aesthetic "rural" value to our town, natural sustainable habitats, areas for passive recreation and are a renewable resource for forest products." He suggested the document provides for more than the definition implies as in this instance, it provides for motorized recreation. Chairman Tenhave agreed, in this instance, the word "passive" does not belong. *The Commission was in agreement.*

Page 14; the first sentence under #4 states "Many people have used the Grater Woods land over the past years for a variety of passive recreational activities such as hunting, geo-caching, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, etc." Commissioner Lehman stated identifying hunting as passive recreation is contradictory as registration is required. *The Commission agreed the use of the word passive could be eliminated.*

*The Commission agreed the definitions for "passive recreation" and "active recreation" could be removed.*

Remove the definition for "Priority Wetland".

Commissioner Lehman questioned how Homestead would be incorporated into the stand descriptions. Commissioner Perry stated a description is available, e.g., has some continuity to some of the existing. New letters would be used. Commissioner Lehman noted he provided soil maps for Grater Woods. Commissioner Perry asked for and received clarification the soils information provided would be added to the Water and Soils Resources section.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Tenhave informed the Commission of a Dredge & Fill Permit for the Manchester Street Bridge project. He remarked this project has been discussed over the course of several meetings. He explained, per RSA 482-A, a standard review Dredge & Fill Permit is turned in to the Town Clerk (5 copies). One copy is forwarded to the Commission. The Commission has 14 days to determine whether or not it wishes to provide comment. In the event the Commission wishes to provide comment(s) NHDES is informed of that desire after which the Commission has 41 days to make comment(s). Should the Commission choose not to comment or fail to do so within the 41 days, the permitting process can proceed without comment(s).

Commissioner Tenhave stated the Town received the application on January 31<sup>st</sup> and he received it on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He questioned the will of the Commission with regard to making comment(s) and, if so desired, if Commissioners believed they were familiar enough with the project to make a decision at this time or would desire additional review. Commissioner Currier noted the Commission has not had any objection to the project. Chairman Tenhave stated Deputy Director Fox has reviewed the wetland impact, has described it has to do with the extension of the bridge, etc. It was noted the mitigation plan has been approved. The project has been in the works for over two years, the State has conducted its review, and abutters have not expressed objection.

Chairman Tenhave stated he would forward a letter to NHDES informing the Commission has no further comment(s).



Chairman Tenhave spoke of a 33-acre parcel (\$245,000) of land located off of South Grater Road, which has been for sale for some time. The realtor has questioned whether the Commission has an interest in the property. Chairman Tenhave informed the Commission he spoke with the realtor, relayed he did not believe the parcel was on the Commission's priority list of parcels; however, if the owner would consider reducing the cost and/or a conservation easement he would be happy to discuss the matter further.

Chairman Tenhave noted The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has questioned whether the Commission wishes to maintain its membership, and stated he would process the paperwork, which is in keeping with the funding allocated within the town budget.

Chairman Tenhave noted a seminar series began in January relating to land surveying and soil science. When asked if there is an associated cost, he stated there is, and whether the cost could be paid by the Commission would have to be reviewed.

When asked, Vice Chairman Caron stated his intention to participate in the Winter Carnival (February 23, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). He welcomed other members to join him. He noted he would be joined by two members of the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Sub-Committee and would like to reach out to the newly appointed members of the Wildcat Falls Conservation Area Sub-Committee to see if they would be interested in participating as well.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

Merrimack Conservation Commission. . . . . January 7, 2013

*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 2, Line 52; replace the word "viewing" with the word "view"  
Page 5, Line 23; the word "conservancy" should be capitalized  
Page 8, Line 25; "Commissioner Lehman" should read "Vice Chairman Caron"

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

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEHMAN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6/0/1**

*Commissioner Currier Abstained*

Merrimack Conservation Commission. . . . . January 22, 2013

*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 5, Line 36; replace the word "it" with the words "the property line"  
Page 6, Line 21; replaced "ROAST" with "ROST"

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

**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEHMAN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6/0/1**

*Commissioner Davies Abstained*

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Currier informed the Commission he was contacted by a woman concerning White Pine Swamp. A few years back the dam was breached (water lowered) by an individual concerned with the risk of West Nile Virus. The resident questioned whether the Commission had concerns about the White Pine Swamp and any thoughts of lowering the water. Chairman Tenhave stated he does not believe there to be any intention to lower the dam. Commissioner Perry commented it is a good question and there are areas of standing water; however, not all areas can be sprayed. Vice Chairman Caron remarked the level of the water would not have an impact. Chairman Tenhave noted the dam is not on Town property. Commissioner Currier stated he would follow-up with the resident.

Vice Chairman Caron noted the agenda for the meeting was not posted on the Town's website. In addition, the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Sub-Committee's agenda for the prior week was not posted to the Town's website. He stated, in the past, the agenda for the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Sub-Committee was forwarded to all members of the sub-committee as well as all members of the Conservation Commission, which is a practice he believes should continue. He suggested the same procedure be followed for agendas for the newly formed Wildcat Falls Conservation Area Sub-Committee. Chairman Tenhave noted agendas were physically posted on the building.

Chairman Tenhave commented Ms. Gillis has retired from the Community Development Division, Ms. Semales has been taking on the additional workload, and the Town is actively seeking to hire a part-time individual. One of the major roles of that part-time position would be support of the Conservation Commission.

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY TO ADJOURN**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARON**  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
**7/0/0**

*The February 4, 2013 meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.*

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan





#### Location of Study Area



#### Conceptual Site Plan Soil Reuse and Partial Reclamation Longa Sand and Gravel Pit

17 Twin Bridge Road  
Merrimack, New Hampshire

#### Notes & Sources

The locations of the former disposal area, current gravel operations and proposed reclamation area are estimated based on historical reports and information provided by the property owner.

#### Legend

- Active Gravel Operations (approx.)
- Proposed Reclamation Area (approx.)
- Former Disposal Area (approx.)
- Road
- Parcel Boundary
- Contour 2ft (10 ft interval colored white)
- Town Boundary
- State Wetland
- National Wetland Inventory (NWI)

0 150 300 Feet

amer

