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## MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JUNE 2, 2014

### MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 6:35 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Chairman Tim Tenhave presided:

Members of the Commission Present: Matt Caron, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Lehman  
Gage Perry  
Simon Thomson  
Councilor Thomas Mahon (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)  
Michael Boisvert, Alternate

Members of the Commission Absent: Ron Davies  
Robert Croatti, Alternate  
Lauren Kras, Alternate

Also in Attendance: Kenneth Clinton, President, Meridian Land Services, Inc.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPOINTMENTS - None

### STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS

- 1. Old Blood Properties, LLC. and Joseph K. and Mary El Kareh** (co-applicants/co-owners)  
Discussion on whether the Commission would be open to one or more conservation easements associated with the project. An overall discussion of the forthcoming wetlands permit application will be included. Located at Old Blood Road in the R-1 (Residential) District. Tax Map 5B, Lots 001-01, 002, 003, 003-01, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009 and 231.

Chairman Tenhave recused himself from the discussion.

***Chairman Tenhave stepped down and Vice Chairman Caron presided.***

Kenneth Clinton, President, Meridian Land Services, noted he was before the Commission at its March 17, 2014 meeting and provided general information on the aspects of what was then referred to as Old Blood Properties 71 lot cluster sub-division. The name of the sub-division has been changed to Chestnut Hill.

Mr. Clinton remarked in reviewing the wetland impacts for the sub-division for the various existing town roads and new internal roads, they have encountered one issue in particular that caused concern and prompted a meeting with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The issue is that of the existence of vernal pools. He explained back in the 2008/2009 timeframe the previous consultant had hired Peter Schauer, Wetland Scientist, to map wetlands and evaluate vernal pools. A few were found scattered about the property. Meridian took the project over in May

of 2013. Recognizing that was the prime window, they conducted a review of the vernal pools. What they found was similar to what was identified by Mr. Schauer.

Old Blood Road sweeps in from Wilson Hill Road and heads due North. Both in the 2008/2009 investigation by Mr. Schauer as well as the 2013 by Meridian, the small wetland area at the entrance was identified as a ponded wetland. Believing it prudent to check the area an additional time before filing permits, Meridian discovered, in that area, an active vernal pool.

NHDES was asked to provide guidance. Mr. Clinton identified the recommendations and commented on each:

1. Protect the southerly 86+/- acre and possibly the northerly 23+/- acre Open Space lot(s) via a conservation easement, to be overseen by a viable entity.
2. Adjust lot lines on lots 3, and 6-8 so the vernal pool wetlands are within the Open Space lot.

Pull back the back lot lines so that they are not going through the wetland at all. By doing that a landowner cannot claim ownership rights to the wetland and the associated vernal pool.

3. Provide a 100' non-disturbance buffer around all vernal pools, except for the vernal pool adjacent to the initial wetland crossing.

One hundred foot non-disturbance buffer around any lot that is within the proximity of 100' from a vernal pool. That will be handled in an easement. Trees will be marked with signage so that a landowner has a visible easement line. It was stressed that will be done for all vernal pools with the exception of the pool adjacent to the initial wetland crossing where it is not feasible. Mr. Clinton spoke of the possibility for an area to be an active vernal pool one year and not the next, which is the case with the one at the initial wetland crossing. With development, it is likely the area will not be an active vernal pool in the future.

4. Although they'd prefer there were no curb, they're okay with Cape Cod berm if required.

The request was for no vertical granite curb in the vicinity of vernal pool(s). Any type of salamander or frog cannot get up a straight granite curb. They were acceptable, if necessary, with Cape Cod berm. Mr. Clinton noted although the NHDES desired no curb at all, that has impacts with how the Town or Alteration of Terrain (AoT) wants to handle drainage so there is a bit of a competing interest. That will be worked out with the Planning Board.

5. They'd like "no salt" winter maintenance zones adjacent to critical areas.

Mr. Clinton commented all can agree especially in certain proximities to vernal pools no salt zones can be established. If the Town suggests making an entire area a no salt zone, the Applicant is acceptable to that.

6. They're hopeful we can increase the separation between the stormwater infiltration basins and the vernal pool in the vicinity of the initial wetland crossing.

Mr. Clinton remarked due to the vernal pool being at the toe of the slope, water flowing downhill and the need to treat the water (stormwater runoff from the road and impervious surfaces) before it enters back into the natural drainage outlets, they have to have the infiltration basins/detention basins at the low point. There is one just to the west and one just to the east of the vernal pool and a road to the north.

When asked if there was a way to reduce the impact or create additional separation between the pool and the drainage related basins, Mr. Clinton he did not see how that could occur. He did not see a way to mitigate that directly at that site to any degree. He reiterated with a vernal pool that will have some level of development all around it; he cannot say a situation can be created where it is likely the area will continue as a vernal pool.

7. They would like us to consider creating a new vernal pool within an existing wetland, to provide for increased habitat opportunities.

Because of the inability to increase the separation between the stormwater infiltration basins and the vernal pool in the area of the initial wetland crossing, the question was raised as to whether or not there is another location on the property where a vernal pool could be created. Mr. Clinton remarked they often have difficulty believing they can effectively recreate a wetland, but to then create an available vernal pool that would be used as such when it is not even known why some years pools are used and some are not, he cannot say with surety that is something that can be done.

After consideration, they do not believe it warranted nor do they feel comfortable with their ability to do so. He added it quite frankly would require further wetland impact, e.g., one of the locations suggested was around an area where there already exists a string of vernal pools. The suggestion was impact the wetlands (additional square footage of disturbance) to create an area that could be conducive to a vernal pool. What would be required would be to excavate and create enough of a depression where you have the depth and can create the holding of water for a period of time, but they don't want you to disturb the trees because the trees and brush are attachment points for eggs.

8. They intend to schedule a site walk in the coming weeks - date not yet determined.

Within this project are four culvert upgrades on Old Blood Road, wetland impacts at the middle school entrance, and two wetland impacts on the site. Combined it is approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of impact. Ten thousand square feet is a threshold for onsite mitigation/direct impact mitigation, and the ratio is 10/1. They want you to protect quality uplands at a ratio of 10/1 to the wetlands you are disturbing. That would result in 3.44 acres of mitigation. By mitigation they require protection; real third-party separate oversight by a professional conservation entity such as the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. That goes back to the first recommendation.

Mr. Clinton commented trying to find such an entity to oversee 3.44 acres, which is disconnected to anything else is difficult. They requested the NHDES give consideration to the Merrimack Conservation Commission, and provided information relative to their past history of working with the Commission, the Commission's oversight history with other projects, funding levels, etc., and suggested the Commission to be the best candidate. They stated their hopefulness the Commission would consider oversight of at least the minimum mitigation area (3.44 acres) and requested support and some level of commitment on the southerly 86 acres; accept as a Conservation Easement deeded to the Town to be in the care of the Conservation Commission as well as the northerly 23-acre section. That would leave the internal 21, which would simply be open space with a restriction and the side 5-acre piece, which technically is open space, but really doesn't have conservation value. It is a buffer to the Meridian lots, but not much more than that.

It was noted the 23-acre piece abuts the existing conservation easement on the school property. The parcels identified as Conservancy Foundation are owned by a private entity that is not in the business of overseeing or protecting lands. They place conservation restriction in a deed sense not in an easement sense. It is not necessary tied with anything or any other greater purpose or cause. He stated he is unsure why those properties were put in. It is good as it adds to the connectivity of everything, but is not an entity where they can be asked to take an active role in protecting and overseeing.

The two open space parcels together represent 109 acres. As an open space it is protected, but there is no enforcement.

Vice Chairman Caron questioned the process. Mr. Clinton stated the owners, upon approval of the overall plan, would convey a Conservation Easement Deed to the Town in care of the Conservation Commission as the overseers of the easement. The nature of the easement as far as uses is something that could be discussed with the Commission as that information would have to be included within the Deed. Mr. Clinton stated his expectation all permits could be received by late summer/early fall. His belief is the Easement Deed would be recorded with the Plan.

Vice Chairman Caron remarked the Commission has quite a few deeded easements as well as owned property. The Commission's strength is greater on its own property. He questioned whether consideration was given to donating part of the property. Mr. Clinton stated it was discussed. He is not in a position to offer one parcel over the other, but would welcome any feedback. He added if the Commission was of the opinion it would only entertain oversight if it owned the land in fee, it would be strongly considered. If the Commission desired to own one particular parcel (86 acres to south/23 acres to north) and have an easement on the other, that too would be

strongly considered. When asked, he stated it to be the separate entity oversight that addresses the mitigation requirements.

Vice Chairman Caron questioned whether donation was more favorable. Mr. Clinton responded from a NHDES standpoint what they want is the third party oversight. Commissioner Thomson commented it would be a great gift to the Town. Commissioner Perry added, in particular the top piece (23 acres).

When asked, Mr. Clinton stated there to be Town regulation of 1,200 lineal feet for a dead end road. The existing dead-end road is about 675 lineal feet. Technically a road could continue in the future if someone wanted to do that; for another 600 +/- lineal feet, without a waiver. A waiver could be requested for it to be longer. He noted the challenging terrain. A dead-end portion is one without a second outlet. The one identified is the only one on the property.

Commissioner Perry remarked with a dead-end portion, there is the potential for a lollipop to be put on the end of it. Mr. Clinton responded if the lot value offset the costs, yes. He added, they went back and forth with the Planning Board with the access points and making sure it was a through. Ultimately that was the direction of the Planning Board, which was how it has been considered since Meridian's involvement. He added they are still not entirely sure about the intersection with the middle school. They have had a meeting with SAU representatives, Community Development, Fire Department, Highway Safety, etc., and anticipate receiving direction at the Planning Board meeting the following evening.

Mr. Clinton remarked if all goes as planned at the Planning Board meeting they will be looking to complete the wetlands permit application in short order, which, if the Commission is agreeable, will ideally identify the Commission as the likely easement holder whether an easement or convey and fee to the Town.

The Commission will be informed of the date for which the site walk with NHDES is scheduled, and extended the opportunity to participate. NHDES made a commitment to Meridian to provide notification of when they would be conducting the site walk to allow for Meridian's participation as well as participation by the Commission. The focus of NHDES was not so much to view the area of the vernal pool, but to consider whether there is a suitable area to pursue creation of a vernal pool in the vicinity. He reiterated the creation of a vernal pool was a recommendation not a requirement.

Vice Chairman Caron questioned whether NHDES has provided any direction for contractors, etc. who would be able to create such an area. He commented if Meridian sends a road builder out there, he will drive his excavator through there, make a road, dig a hole, and then drive his excavator out. Mr. Clinton remarked this is not his area of expertise, and he does not know if there is an example for how to go about doing that. He commented he is not sure there is something you can rely upon to say yes we are doing it correctly. You can't from year to year invite a species in, they just have to find it and feel it is good for them. It has to have certain characteristics of holding water, depth, size helps sometimes, e.g., a raccoon is an ideal predator so if the raccoon is not able to get at the location where the eggs are attaching it makes a safe environment if the water stays there. There are many variables.

Commissioner Lehman spoke of the added responsibility the Commission/Town would take on. He noted the area to be a major conservation focus area and remarked the Commission is targeting one of the properties owned by a co-applicant of the project. He stated the desire to see the land maintained in its current state. He is hopeful there is input that can be provided to the co-owner identifying the positive aspects of conserving the property. He remarked, in this instance the property owner gains his/her desired development while allowing the ability to ensure the development will not expand in the future. Mr. Clinton remarked he cannot speak for that individual co-applicant, but he suggested the response would likely be this is the area we are focused on, and that extra piece would be something that could be considered in the future, but not as part of this project.

Vice Chairman Caron questioned if the desire of NHDES was for the creation of a vernal pool and the Commission were to be in receipt of the deeded easement in the 86 acres, would the Commission be responsible for maintaining the pool. Mr. Clinton stated he would find it hard to believe there would be any expectation the Commission would "maintain it" in any fashion. He stated his belief NHDES, Army Corps of Engineers, and the EPA, as a collective group, would want permission to view the area periodically especially during vernal pool season (spring) to see how it is functioning from year to year.

Councilor Mahon remarked if the Commission accepts responsibility for oversight, an ownership of some sort will be attached. Along with ownership comes responsibility. Something this group may not have been willing to accept as a responsibility may be difficult to argue if there is no information in the Deed addressing that particular issue. He stated his belief it is a wonderful opportunity that is worthy of study and a hard look, but the Commission needs to be aware that the body will change over time and the responsibilities and funding issues will change over time. The more responsibility the less flexibility in the future to do the things it wants on all properties the Commission has responsibility for. He remarked his 38-39 years of dealings with NHDES leaves him not exactly confident with regard to demands that might be made in the future.

Mr. Clinton stated there to be an expectation, if they requested the creation of a vernal pool be pursued, it might be in the general vicinity of the southeast corner of the property along the wetland corridor. If they conveyed lands to the Town to be overseen by the Conservation Commission, it doesn't necessarily have to be all of the land that will be open space. A corner of the property could be left out and not conveyed to the Town.

Commissioner Boisvert suggested the option of the Town/Commission receiving the northern piece and the remaining parcel being handled under an easement is a viable solution worthy of consideration. Mr. Clinton responded once the threshold of the easement is in place the fee ownership is just an extra bonus. Commissioner Perry stated he would have concern based on the comments made by Councilor Mahon. He questioned the criteria for success of building a vernal pool. He stated his opinion, if made a requirement by NHDES, that area is one he would like to be excluded from the purview of the Commission. Mr. Clinton stated he would be very comfortable with that solution.

Mr. Clinton reiterated they do not intend to voluntarily agree to the creation of a vernal pool. They intend to submit their application with 135 acres of open space with as much of it beyond the minimum mitigation area protected by easement, and if the easement is actually in fee interest to the Town as well so be it. The 109 acres is 32 some odd times what is required. That in and of itself, in his opinion, should eliminate the need to do anything more. Vice Chairman Caron commented having wetland on the 23 acres is another bonus.

Vice Chairman Caron stated the need for research to be conducted on what NHDES has done historically as follow up on requiring a vernal pool be constructed, etc. Mr. Clinton remarked it is likely the filing with NHDES would occur prior to the Commission's next meeting, and Meridian may infer it is believed likely the Commission might be willing to do something. He stated the impacts being proposed would not change based on the Commission's willingness to accept oversight of an easement. The oversight can be worked out through the process. To have NHDES review the actual value of the impacts is an effort somewhat detached from understanding the mitigation that can then be supplied.

Commissioner Perry stated there to be an interest in participating in the mitigation and working through the issue. The Applicant should be able to go forth stating the Commission's interest in participation. Commissioner Thomson questioned whether other options have been looked into. Mr. Clinton responded not to the extent that he has contacted another entity. The Commission was the first entity approached. He remarked when you start talking about professional level entities they have an expectation of escrow accounts being established to provide the necessary funding to pursue enforcement issues, etc. He added, if not having connectivity to the particular property, there is generally no interest. Without another option, the NHDES would provide the ability to instead make a financial contribution to the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund. Mr. Clinton reiterated the land will be conserved regardless, through open space, it is just a matter of the oversight of the conservation; how robust the entity is that will do it.

Vice Chairman Caron stated, by consensus, the Commission supports the Applicant moving forward with the Commission having a level of interest especially on the 23-acre parcel and possibly on some or the entire 86-acre parcel.

Commissioner Perry questioned whether the Town Council would have concerns with the potential of an easement. Councilor Mahon responded the only thing he believes would be of concern would be the cautions he noted with regard to future responsibilities associated with a requirement for/maintenance of a vernal pool. Mr. Clinton stated he could candidly say he does not have an intent to inquire prior to completing the application; however, once the completed application is submitted, if the subject of a vernal pool is brought up, that is the point at which he could say if you would like that to be considered you need to provide the specifics. He remarked if he had a letter of interest from the Commission, with no commitment and identification of concerns

that would be appreciated. If not, he will at least relay to NHDES a positive discussion has occurred, it appears there is some willingness, but there are also some concerns that need to be worked through.

***The consensus of the Commission was to identify the Commission is in favor of, but not committing to, oversight of, at a minimum, the 23-acre parcel.***

***Vice Chairman Caron stepped down and Chairman Tenhave presided.***

***There being no objection, the Commission recessed at 7:49 p.m. to attend the meeting of the Merrimack School Board.***

***The Commission reconvened at 8:28 p.m.***

## OLD BUSINESS

### **1. Invasive Plants Found at 8, 10, and 18 Brookside Drive**

Commission to discuss issues with invasive plants on private property at 8 Brookside Drive and Town Conservation property at 10 and 18 Brookside Drive.

Chairman Tenhave stated he had the opportunity to meet with Mike Powers, Bay State Forestry, at the property the prior Friday. They toured the Commission property at 10 Brookside Drive and some of 18 Brookside Drive. They also looked at the property at 8 Brookside Drive. They identified Knotweed as well as Burning Bush on the Commission parcel as well as at 12 Brookside Drive. There are a number of other multi-floral rose and creepy crawlers. The Knotweed is extremely prevalent.

Mr. Powers has agreed to put a proposal together for implementation of a spraying plan to attempt to eliminate all invasives on 10 Brookside Drive and a bit of 18 Brookside Drive. In order to do it successfully a permit will have to be applied for with NHDES due to the proximity to water. The intent would be to spray in the fall, which is the best time to go after Knotweed. A repeated spray would be necessary (early spring) and perhaps a follow up in the fall of next year. Given the volume of Knotweed it is likely the spray will not touch upon all of it in the first round. It will also be necessary to be indiscriminate, e.g., some plants will be lost unintentionally.

Chairman Tenhave remarked another issue is in individuals using the property as a parking lot. That will have to be addressed in advance of spraying. He suggested the Commission may wish to have a public hearing to educate the public on the process of spraying. Mr. Powers is licensed, and the only protective equipment required is gloves.

Mr. Powers was been asked to provide a quote that is inclusive of his time in attendance at a Public Hearing. There will be the need for him to research boundary lines for which time will have to be included. It is hoped that feedback will be provided in time for the June or July meeting.

Chairman Tenhave noted the property owner at 8 Brookside Drive has attempted spraying her property on her own without much success.

When asked about the origin, Chairman Tenhave stated he questioned the origin and together he and Mr. Powers searched. Small clumps were seen by the brook, but not enough to say that was the origin. Mr. Powers suggested a few ways in which it may have gotten onto the property. A private land owner has been using the property as a parking lot and a location to dump yard waste. It may have been encountered on that individual's property and dumped on Conservation property or it could have been another individual who witnessed dumping occurring and added to it. A review of the age of the stocks, etc. lead Mr. Powers to believe it possible when 8 Brookside Drive was created and built up to support constructing a structure, fill that was brought in to do that may have contained some of the Rhizome, etc. There is no way to know for sure. It is possible the water may have been high at one point and brought things higher onto the ground.

Mr. Powers has indicated, even if treated, the Commission will have to deal with it again in 3-5 years depending on what occurs. It cannot be stopped, only controlled. Chairman Tenhave noted, after the site visit he drove down to where 18 Brookside Drive touches the road and witnessed the same issue with leaf and lawn clippings as well as Burning Bush (likely half an acre).

Councilor Mahon questioned whether there was interest in posting the properties, e.g., no dumping. Chairman Tenhave stated there to be a need, and added something will have to be done prior to the start of spraying. He suggested a letter be sent to the neighbors. He commented there is 20-30 yards of material present between the two parcels, indicating this behavior has been going on for a long time. Councilor Mahon questioned whether the Commission wished to appear before the Council with a specific request. Chairman Tenhave stated he is pursuing that with the Town.

When asked, Chairman Tenhave stated he inquired about the chickens, and was informed there is no Town regulation being violated. If a landowner felt material was going on their property and not staying on the originator's property they could pursue something. Commissioner Boisvert stated it is leeching into the wetlands. Chairman Tenhave responded that would be an issue with the State, which would have to be researched. Commissioner Boisvert agreed to research that further.

**2. Gateway Trail Stabilization Project**

Commission to discuss the direction to take related to the project put on hold late last fall.

*The consensus of the Commission was to table the item until a future meeting.*

**3. Visit with the Merrimack School Board (tentative)**

Commission to join the Merrimack School Board at their regular meeting to discuss areas of joint interest.

*The consensus of the Commission was to table the item until a future meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Inventory of Conservation Properties**

Commission to discuss doing an inventory and onsite review of its major and minor properties. A discussion of potential characteristics to be collected will be included.

*The consensus of the Commission was to table the item until a future meeting.*

**2. Kiosks and Signs**

Commission to discuss having kiosks purchased and signs erected at Grater Woods in accordance with the Stewardship Plan.

Vice Chairman Caron spoke of the Grater Woods Sub-committee's efforts to address items in the Stewardship Plan identified on pages 53 and 64, which state there should be kiosks at each of the primary access points. Currently there is a single kiosk at the school parking lot, which does not contain maps, etc. It is important to have kiosks installed at the main access points. Conservation Drive and Beebe Lane are the two the Sub-committee identified as main access points. A quote was provided by Alfa-Tractor, which is the same gentleman who did the gate on Conservation Drive.

Commissioner Perry questioned whether the kiosks to be placed on Conservation Drive and Beebe Lane would be similar in design to the existing. Vice Chairman Caron responded Ernie Buck was the contractor for the old kiosks and had provided information to Mr. Powell who constructed them. Neither of those gentlemen is involved any longer, and there are no blue prints on file. Of the six located at the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP) each is different from the other. The quote provided is a very nice looking kiosk that has been constructed for many conservation areas, and is similar in design to existing kiosks. Vice Chairman Caron stated his belief a blue print could be created for the proposed kiosk. The design includes features that are proven to be most suitable for such a project, e.g., Lexan. The contractor would bring ready-built kiosks in along with his trailer with the post-hole digger. He would dig the posts, pour the concrete, and set the kiosk.

Chairman Tenhave spoke of keeping the Public Works Department informed as a way to try to avoid damage due to snow plowing.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE AS PROPOSED  
MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MAHON  
MOTION CARRIED  
7-0-0**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Grater Woods Forestry Project Status

Chairman Tenhave stated the need for a discussion of the avenue the Commission wishes to take. He will work with Vice Chairman Caron to prepare something for the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Forestry Plans – June 16th Agenda

Chairman Tenhave noted he has not yet had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Kras.

- Fertilizer – June 16th Agenda
- Seedlings Update

Chairman Tenhave stated Mr. Currier kept the seedlings an additional week. As of the prior Saturday 8-9 Blue Spruce and 6-7 Black Walnut remained. Commissioner Perry noted in total over 400 plants were given away. Chairman Tenhave retrieved a few of the Blue Spruce and Black Walnut and planted them in Wildcat Falls. Commissioner Perry noted the remaining plants will be given to Willow Pond Nursery.

- Trail GPS data – for NRPC Project.

Chairman Tenhave questioned whether a Commissioner wished to participate in creating a trail map of the entire town. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has a project underway for which they are looking to gather trail data from all trails in town. They also want to identify trail attributes. The desire is for all of the trails in all of the towns that are part of the NRPC all be found in one location. Commissioner Perry questioned whether the NRPC meetings continue to be conducted during the workday. Chairman Tenhave stated they are; however, they are at the point in the process where their GIS person is willing to meet whenever someone is available to provide data and attribute information.

Chairman Tenhave stated his desire for Merrimack not to be left out of the process, and identified concerns with some of the data being outdated. He requested anyone having information forward it to him or if anyone has interest in or is aware of someone, outside of the Commission, who might have interest in participating in the project, to make him aware. Vice Chairman Caron stated he would be able to identify someone interested in participating. Chairman Tenhave commented on the need to ensure, on our properties, we provide the public with the information that we are publicly advocating at this point. Trails that have been discontinued should not appear on the NRPC site.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

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*The following amendments were offered:*

Page 1, Line 5; replace the word “pellets” with the word “pallets”  
Page 2, Line 3; replace the word “fields” with the word “trails”.  
Page 4, Line 8; replace the words “Commissioner Perry” with the words “Chairman Tenhave”  
Page 4, Line 9; replace the words “below the height” with the word “clogged”.  
Page 8, Lines 15-19; replace the word “Fairfax” to the words “Bear Facts”

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED  
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TENHAVE  
MOTION CARRIED  
5-0-2**



*Commissioners Boisvert and Lehman Abstained*

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lehman stated there were no meeting minutes posted on the website for the last meeting of the Grater Woods Sub-committee. Vice Chairman Caron stated they should be in draft form and included with the next meeting packet. Chairman Tenhave noted he would make Sue Holstein, Community Development Secretary, aware they have not yet been posted.

Vice Chairman Caron informed the Board and the viewing audience of a meeting of the Grater Woods Sub-committee scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., which is the same evening as the Wildcat Falls Sub-committee meeting.

Councilor Mahon noted the timber project on the Parks and Recreation portion of Wasserman Park has been completed. He commented there has been some fairly robust discussion about developments at Wasserman Park in terms of trying to be more active in doing some rehabilitation now that three of the structures are gone. A discussion took place around running the road down to where the old dining hall used to be and potentially putting in a parking area to provide for a loop.

Chairman Tenhave requested those interested in serving on the Commission complete an application. Applications are currently being accepted. A full-time position is currently open.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*The June 2, 2014 meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.*

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan