

**ACTION SHEET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**1 JUNKINS AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

4:00 P.M.

February 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Samantha Collins; Vice Chair Barbara McMillan; Members: Lynn Vaccaro, Stewart Sheppard, Jessica Blasko, Adam Fitzpatrick, Alice Carey; Alternate: Brian Gibb, Talia Sperduto

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Britz, Planning and Sustainability Director and Kate Homet, Associate Environmental Planner

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 10, 2024

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 7-0 to **approve** the minutes as presented.*

II. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (OLD BUSINESS)

1. 90 F.W. Hartford Drive
Amrishi & Andrea Chicooree, owners
Assessor Map 269, Lot 45

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend **approval** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following **stipulations**:*

1. *The applicant must include the 25, 50 and 100' wetland buffer delineation lines along with the location of the existing shed on the wetland delineation map.*
2. *The applicant will add an additional 7 trees to the planting plan, increasing it from 21 to 28 new plantings. These should be spread out between the 0-50' wetland buffer.*
3. *The applicant will put a note on the plans stating that all plantings will be planted by the end of June 2024 for best survival during the upcoming growing season.*
4. *The applicant will put a note in the plans that a certified wetland scientist will be responsible for the monitoring reports of the restoration project and for overseeing the initial planting process.*
5. *A monitoring report for the first two years after planting will be required to be submitted annually to the Planning and Sustainability Department. The first report shall be submitted after the restoration work has been completed. This report will include an update on all plant health, growth, and establishment. Additionally, it should include invasive management*

techniques, methods for irrigation and information on routine maintenance practices. The report must demonstrate at least an 80% survival rate of new plantings after the first two years of monitoring, if not, then replanting will be required.

6. *A visual barrier will be placed on the property to designate where the 'no mow' line starts and ends.*
 7. *In accordance with Section 10.1018.40 of the Zoning Ordinance, applicant shall install permanent wetland boundary markers. We suggest that these markers are placed along the 25' vegetative buffer at intervals of every 50 feet. These must be installed prior to the start of any construction. These can be purchased through the City of Portsmouth Planning and Sustainability Department.*
 8. *If the existing shed is found to be within the 100' wetland buffer, a separate after the fact Wetland Conditional Use Permit will have to be applied for.*
 9. *Prior to the removal of any tree stumps within the wetland and/or wetland buffer, the applicant will need to apply for a separate wetland conditional use permit.*
2. 224 Broad Street, Unit 3
Perkins Kwoka Joint Revocable Trust, Katelyn E. & Rebecca P. Kwoka Trustees,
Owners
Assessor Map 131, Lot 13

The Commission voted 7-0 to take this application out of order and heard it last.

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend **postponement** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the March 2024 meeting.*

III. WETLAND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. 300 Gosling Road
Public Service Company of NH, Owner
Assessor Map 214, Lot 3

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend **approval** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following **stipulation**:*

1. The applicant shall update the wetland and wetland buffer impact calculations to reflect the new findings.

2. 50 Odiorne Point Road
Rosemary L. Gardner Revocable Trust, Owner
John E. Gardner Trustee, Co-Owner
Assessor Map 224, Lot 10-3

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend **approval** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following **stipulations**:*

1. *The restoration plan shall be amended to include the addition of coir logs to protect the live staking in the plant establishment phase.*

2. *The property owner considers abiding by NOFA standards for all landscaping activities.*
3. *A simplified map will be created for use by future landscapers and property owners that clearly defines what areas can and cannot be mowed, along with what areas should not be maintained and/or manicured.*

IV. WORK SESSIONS

1. 50 Clough Drive
City of Portsmouth, Owner
Assessor Map 206, Lot 20

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend **postponement** of the Work Session to the March 2024 meeting.*

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Welcome Talia Sperduto!

The Commission formally welcomed new member Talia Sperduto.

2. Peirce Island Kayak Launch

Staff gave a brief update on an upcoming restoration plan for the state that involves the newly built stairs at the Peirce Island Boat Ramp. Staff will keep the commission informed of how this application proceeds with the State.

3. Sustainability Fair

Ms. Blasko informed the Commission about the upcoming sustainability fair on April 14th from 12-3 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*At 6:17 p.m., the Commission voted to **adjourn** the meeting.*