

**GLASTONBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
(INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY)  
REGULAR MEETING OF MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

The Glastonbury Conservation Commission (Inlands Wetlands & Watercourses Agency), along with Mr. Tom Mocko, Environmental Planner, in attendance held a Regular Meeting *via* ZOOM *video conferencing*.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commission Members-Present**

Judy Harper, Chairman-  
Dennis McInerney, Vice-Chairman  
Kim McClain, Secretary  
Frank Kaputa  
William Shea  
Mark Temple

**Commission Members- Excused**

Brian Davis

*IT Manager Bobby Ashton explained the Zoom process to the applicants and members of the public. Mr. Jim Dutton's microphone was turned on and he asked about putting up PDF files on the screen. Mr. Ashton told him that he will guide him through the process once it was his turn to present. Commissioner Kaputa informed the Commission that Commissioner Davis was having trouble logging into the Zoom meeting.*

Chairman Harper called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM and explained the public hearing process to the applicants and members of the public.

**I. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS**

**1. Proposed 3-lot Casella Subdivision – 1 frontage and 2 rear lots on 11.7 acres located east and south of the easternmost cul-de-sac of Knollwood Drive – Rural Residence Zone and Groundwater Protection Zone 2 – Dutton Associates, LLC – The Estate of Jon Casella (c/o Michael Pucci), landowner/applicant**

Mr. Jim Dutton, Dutton Associates, LLC, explained that the site for the 3-lot subdivision is on 11.7 acres located to the southeast of the Knollwood Drive cul-de-sac. He also stated that the lot is moderately steep, sloped, and the topography includes boulders and ledge. He also noted that there is a tiny corner of wetlands extending into the southwest portion of the property. Mr. Dutton presented a slide of the proposed and existing conservation easements on the site. He informed the Commissioners that the Estate of Jon Casella will donate the land to the south to the Town to create a park.

Mr. Dutton stated that there are some uranium issues and the Health Department will want to conduct testing. He also stated that he is not sure if the builder or buyer will drill the well ahead of time. Mr. Dutton explained that all lots will be accessed by a common driveway from Knollwood Drive. He also noted that the septic system area is code compliant. Mr. Dutton explained that the test pits had good results, but he does not have the data on him and would get the information from the Health Department.

Mr. Dutton explained that a drainage system will be located in the area of the common driveway and presented a stormwater summary and charts that show a reduction of the peak flow. He then explained that they have addressed the concerns that Mr. Mocko brought up regarding the volume of the water and the impact. Mr. Dutton explained that the stormwater runoff flows from the northeast to the southeast and eventually ends up in Hebron Avenue. The water will be diverted to control the volume. Mr. Dutton stated that he has not completed the erosion and sedimentation plans and is waiting for input from the Commissioners.

Mr. Dutton explained that blasting is likely required at the site. He noted that only a couple of houses are nearby and they would send those properties a pre-blast survey. Mr. Dutton also stated that the Engineering Department had requested a few changes. He explained that one of the comments was to change the catch basin to a larger one. Mr. Dutton stated that the issues are minor and would be addressed. The presentation was concluded.

Commissioner Shea inquired who owns the property to the southwest. Mr. Dutton stated it is a wetland and intermittent watercourse system and George Nick owns it. Commissioner Shea asked for clarification on the peak flow and the increase in volume. Mr. Mocko explained that the extra volume changes the characteristics of within the flow line and the extended peak runoff rates cause erosion.

Mr. Dutton explained that the water will be released over a 40-hour period and will enter through the underdrain. He also added that it will not clog and the water will be filtered and drained. Mr. Dutton also explained that they have done this many times and it works. Mr. Dutton then presented a watershed map. He explained that the blue lines are watersheds A and B. A is to the north and B, the larger one, is to the south. Mr. Dutton stated that both go into the wetlands and down to Hebron Avenue. Mr. Dutton presented another slide and stated the red lines indicate the post-development watershed located in the northeast corner. He explained that it bypasses the detention basin and added that it is the appropriate place to establish a diversion.

Vice-Chairman McInerney inquired if there is a tributary. Mr. Dutton stated that the area is broad and flat and flows through a "U" shaped watershed area and the water flows into a swale, comes out of a culvert and ends up in the detention pond. He then reiterated that the placement of the detention basin is where it needs to be. Commissioner Kaputa stated that he wanted to bring up the point that there will be changes to the characteristics of the post-development flow and runoff.

Vice- Chairman McInerney inquired how conducive the soil is for septic. Mr. Dutton stated that the issue was finding an area large enough with deep enough soil. He also explained that further

to the north it gets tougher. Vice-Chairman McInerney commented that the land and topography are steep with shallow bedrock and exposed brownstone. Mr. Mocko brought up the point of uranium mitigation. Vice-Chairman McInerney requested data on the findings when it becomes available.

Commissioner Temple inquired if there was a requirement to put a pump system in the septic system. Mr. Dutton replied yes, with lot 2, and that they will use a 1,000 gallon pump chamber which is much larger than most other pump systems. He also explained there is an alarm to signal if it is not working. Mr. Dutton also explained that he recommends buying 2 pumps, it saves time in case one breaks. Commissioner Temple inquired what happens in a case of a power outage. Mr. Dutton stated that wells will not work in power outages unless there is a backup generator.

Vice-Chairman McInerney inquired about solar panels. Mr. Dutton explained that one lot has good orientation for solar and the other 2 may need to be turned. Another option is placing the solar panels at the end of the house. He then stated that properties that have solar panels may have a lien placed on them. Mr. Dutton also explained that, from the perspective of the fire department, solar panels are safety hazards to firefighters.

Commissioner Temple asked Mr. Dutton to show all of watershed locations once more for clarification. Mr. Dutton presented the slide and stated that he has done a complete analysis. He then noted that if there was no detention pond, the water would wind up in the exact spot. Commissioner Temple asked Mr. Dutton if he would address Mr. Mocko's concern of erosion. Mr. Dutton stated that they reduced the peak and proposing to divert the excess volume. Vice-Chairman McInerney inquired how far away Roaring Brook is from the proposed subdivision. Mr. Dutton stated over ½ a mile.

Vice-Chairman McInerney inquired how they would prepare the lots for blasting and asked if there was any data. Mr. Dutton explained that on lot 3, there are giant stockpiles and it is expected to have a walk-out basement in the plans and also added that lots 1 and 2 will require more blasting than others. He also explained that he does not have final house plans but it will likely be a 2400 square foot plan. Mr. Dutton stated that the final plans are based on what people actually want and he is not sure exactly what will be blasted.

Commissioner Temple stated that it may be better to use an excavator instead of dynamite because the rocks are weathered and soft and it will keep costs down. Mr. Dutton stated that it is up to the homeowners and if they work with the existing topography it will save money.

Vice-Chairman McInerney inquired if the area was all septic and well and asked if there are any problems. Mr. Dutton stated that he is not aware of problems with the septic. He then explained that on Cedar Ridge Drive a well was running dry and they drilled another well a short distance away and it worked.

Commissioner Shea inquired if Mr. Mocko's comment, # 5 on the memo, regarding the runoff was addressed. Mr. Mocko stated that the diversion solves that concern. Vice-Chairman McInerney stated that they do not often divert runoff from one watershed to another. Mr. Mocko

stated that the two sub-watersheds involved are very small and it is warranted here in this specific situation. Mr. Mocko also stated that he does not want the Town to approve something that may likely have adverse effects on neighboring properties. Mr. Dutton agreed with Mr. Mocko's point and stated that people will notice. He also stated that there is an easy and reasonable solution and where the diversion goes will not cause problems for residents. Mr. Mocko stated that the application is heading in the right direction and added that it is a practical solution for preventing adverse impacts.

Secretary McClain commented that it would make sense to test the wells before construction. Mr. Dutton stated that it would be his recommendation as well, but there are no laws requiring this. Secretary McClain stated that it seems odd to build a house only to find out there is uranium. Commissioner Temple and a few other Commissioners stated that uranium can be mitigated. Mr. Mocko stated that he has confidence in the Health Department and they will do the right thing. Mr. Dutton stated that many wells have treatment systems for all sorts of things. He then mentioned that in his own house he has a treatment system for iron.

Chairman Harper wanted clarification on notifying the neighboring properties about the blasting. Mr. Dutton stated that 2 houses at the end of the cul-de-sac on Knollwood Drive would get a survey. Mr. Mocko added that it is the Fire Marshal's Office that establishes the specific distance for conducting pre-blast surveys based upon factors like geology.

Chairman Harper then inquired about the wells. Mr. Mocko explained that the wells are administered by the Health Department.

Chairman Harper asked if there were any members of the public who wanted to speak. No members of the public were electronically present.

Chairman Harper closed public comment on the application.

Chairman Harper and the Commission asked Mr. Dutton to complete the following:

- Position the lots for better solar orientation
- Detailed drainage report and data
- Fully address the Engineering Department's list of concerns
- Finish the erosion and sedimentation plan
- Final review of the proposed septic systems and wells from the Health Department
- More clarification on the area's existing and proposed conservation easements and a larger map for better viewing

Chairman Harper thanked Mr. Dutton for his presentation.

- 2. Four proposed Office Buildings at 219 Addison Road (north of Eastern Boulevard) – a total of 6 medical offices and 12 general offices, along with a 116-space parking lot and related infrastructure on 2.4 acres – Planned Employment Zone and Groundwater Protection Zone 1 – Megson, Heagle & Friend, C.E. & L.S., LLC – Alan Lamson, FLB**

**Architecture & Planning, Inc. - 219 Addison Road, LLC, landowner – TruNorth Construction, Inc., applicant**

Mr. Jonathan Sczurek, Professional Engineer with Megson, Heagle & Friend, explained that they are proposing 4 new office buildings with 18 units total on 2.42 acres located at 219 Addison Road. Mr. Sczurek explained that they will build a water quality basin (northwest corner of the property) with underdrain outlet similar to the one located at Central Rock Gym. He also explained that the buildings will be a mix of medical offices and other business offices. Mr. Sczurek stated that they will use best management practices for the storm water and added that the roof drains are directed into the infiltration system. He also stated that the project will utilize MDC water and public sewer. Mr. Sczurek explained that they found high ground water in the test pits 1 - 4. He noted that test pits 4 and 5 had good soil and would like to use this for the location of the drainage system.

Mr. Sczurek stated that he met with the Town Engineering Department subcommittee to discuss the sidewalks. He explained that the plans are keeping with the Town initiative of expanding trails, sidewalks and bikeways, to encourage people to use other modes of transportation. Mr. Sczurek also added that the plan would expand the sidewalks and tie into the existing sidewalks. He said there will be no sidewalk on the west side of Addison Road because a sidewalk exists on the east side of the street. Mr. Sczurek further explained that constructing sidewalks on the west side might encourage jaywalking.

Mr. Sczurek presented a slide on the landscaping plans. He stated that they will include a row of elm trees, shade trees and foundation plantings around the area. Mr. Sczurek also noted that they have met with the neighbor and will put up a vinyl privacy fence as well as Fraser fir trees for added screening.

Mr. Sczurek presented a slide on the lighting plan. He explained that they will use 10-foot-high poles that are high efficiency LED lighting and night sky compliant. The next slide was a rendering of the building. He explained that the units will be side by side and will have board and batten siding, which gives a “barn type feel to the buildings”. Mr. Sczurek stated that in keeping with POCD, they will improve pedestrian circulation, encourage bikeways and sidewalks, and widen the shoulders for bicyclists to access the center of town. He also stated that there are 14,000 square feet of Upland Review area with 55 percent impervious coverage. Mr. Sczurek stated that the roof areas will direct water into the infiltration system. Mr. Mocko asked what plans they had for the stormwater. Mr. Sczurek stated that they will need to look into what type of planting and underdrain system to implement, and added that they do not want to clog the system. Mr. Mocko recommended they plant a rain garden with drought-tolerant herbaceous plants.

Commissioner Temple inquired whether the landscape plans were reviewed by the Beautification Committee. Mr. Sczurek replied yes and added that the plans have been modified based on their comments. He explained that one of the modifications included planting more native trees. Commissioner Temple stated that more should be done about pavement cooling. Mr. Sczurek stated that they will plant large trees for shade.

Secretary McClain commented that she is delighted to see the sidewalks and added that it is wonderful news. She suggested a reserve fund to be created from the outset to ensure the property is properly maintained. Secretary McClain also inquired about the sustainable design features. She explained that the Commission would like to see green design elements and solar. Mr. Sczurek stated that he will compile a list of sustainable features.

Mr. Jeff Sawyer of TruNORTH Construction explained that they manage the properties after they are built. He explained that they manage a property in South Windsor and there is over \$250,000 in reserve money and another \$100,000 in a property they manage in Glastonbury. Mr. Sawyer further explained that the buildings are designed to be maintenance free, except for the roof. He then reiterated that they manage the properties they construct. Secretary McClain asked them to keep the reserve fund in mind for the long haul.

Secretary McClain inquired about the number of parking spots required. Mr. Sczurek stated that 112 is required and they have 116. Secretary McClain asked why the extra 4 and stated that it would be great to scale back the number. Mr. Sczurek stated that they do not know exact mix of medical and other offices and added that the medical requirements are higher. Secretary McClain stated that the Commission would like the number reduced and would also like to see bike racks. Mr. Sczurek stated that he will include the bike racks in the final plan.

Chairman Harper asked the applicants to provide information on the environmental building features and the plantings in the water quality basin.

Chairman Harper thanked the applicants.

No members of the public were present.

**3. Proposed Gateway V Medical Office facility – two buildings totaling 45,000 square feet, a 206-space parking lot and related infrastructure on 4.8 acres – 280 Western Boulevard (across street from The Hearth) – Planned Employment Zone & Groundwater Protection Zone 1 – LADA, P.C., Land Planners – Clark Engineering – JWM Architectural Group – REMA Ecological Services, LLC – Freshwater Wetland Services – Town of Glastonbury, landowner – The Casle Corporation, applicant**

Mr. Philip Doyle of LADA, P.C., Land Planners presented a series of slides and explained that they have been constructing the Gateway buildings for a period of over 20 years. He explained that Gateway V will include new buildings J and K. Mr. Doyle noted that the property is an integrated complex with similar plantings and features.

Mr. Doyle stated that they have reduced the amount of parking. He explained that they have achieved this result by utilizing the data from the parking studies. Mr. Doyle noted that they have reduced the parking by 16 percent. Normal regulations would require the number of parking lots to be 243 and they are proposing 206. He further explained that they expect the average peak numbers to be in the 180-190 range, but are allowing for flexibility.

Mr. Doyle stated there is about 1,629 square feet of wetlands that are on site in the southeast corner, extending into Eversource's adjacent right-of-way. He also noted that building K will be in the location of the Upland Review area and they will mitigate the site disturbances.

Mr. Doyle stated that they have gone over the landscape design and planting list with the Beautification Committee. He noted that the Committee is very knowledgeable and enjoys working with them. Mr. Doyle stated the changes were minor, replacing the white pine with some suggested alternatives and replacing the sycamore with a London plane, which is a hardier variety.

Mr. Doyle presented photographs of the wetlands on site. He informed the Commission that Eversource had cleared trees 20-25 feet into their property. Mr. Doyle stated that Ms. Bednaz will present the soil findings.

Ms. Katie Bednaz, Wetland/Soil Scientist at Freshwater Wetlands Services, stated that they have flagged the wetlands at the site and the soils are well drained and some moderately drained. She explained that the soil in the Upland Review area is bright and iron filled and the area is heavily vegetated. Ms. Bednaz also stated that the area is sloped and organic material is accumulating. She noted that they will do a better job of maintaining the shrubs and trees and explained that debris creates microhabitats.

Ms. Bednaz explained that they are implementing a solution for the storm water which is an innovate design that will keep the water temperature down, keep the water in the gravel, provide aeration and works better than standard systems. She noted that Mr. Clark is the expert and he will provide the details.

Commissioner Temple inquired if the Beautification Committee was aware that the trees were cleared. Mr. Doyle stated that they will revegetate the trees and shrubs, include habitat plantings and a buffer area. He then stated that the work Eversource did in the long run will not affect them, but that he is irritated because it was done without their knowledge. Commissioner Temple inquired if there are any mature trees that can be added to provide shade to the pavement. Mr. Doyle replied that they will add trees back into the wetlands area. Commissioner Temple asked for an updated list on what has been removed. Chairman Harper inquired if they would have to go back to Beautification. Mr. Doyle replied no and added that they would not object to the approved plans. Commissioner Temple asked the applicants to put in the plantings and trees. Commissioner Shea inquired about defining the property line to avoid unwanted clearing. Mr. Doyle explained that if anything extends into the right of way, Eversource will clear it. He then added that they must carefully consider which type of tree they choose. Chairman Harper commented that there should be some policy on making up for mistakes. Commissioner Temple stated that Eversource has regulatory immunity. He then explained that no one can stop them from removing branches that overhang near the wires. Ms. Bednaz stated that usually someone shows Eversource what can and cannot be cut and there is a clear property boundary. Mr. Doyle explained that in a project in New Haven the boundary was effective because they used 3-foot-tall stakes that were painted white. Chairman Harper stated that they should do something to prevent the unwanted tree clearing from happening again.

Mr. Kevin Clark of Clark Engineering in New London, Connecticut reiterated that the Gateway project has been going on for 20 years, since 2000. He explained that he used a number of methods to treat storm water which include open detention basins, subsurface infiltration systems, opens swales, and the method they select is specific to each site because each is different. Mr. Clark stated that this particular site is on the tight side. He explained that he had discussions with the Engineering Department and Mr. Mocko and was told they would like to see a natural storm management system. Mr. Clark explained that the system they would utilize will reduce the peak flows from the site due to the impervious areas, treat the storm water and it will connect into the drainage system. Mr. Mocko stated they would need to implement an outlet to control the flow of the entire area and detention area of the site. Mr. Mocko added that this is needed to ensure that the system is not overwhelmed and it should be based on the standards of the Engineering Department.

Mr. Clark explained that they will utilize a subsurface gravel wetland system developed by the University of New Hampshire to mitigate the site disturbances. He further explained that they dug 9 test holes to see if they could infiltrate the storm water. Mr. Clark stated that the area in the east was shallow measuring 18 to 22 inches and not suitable for infiltration. He also explained there are variations. In another spot, it was sand, and silt, making it difficult to design a storm water infiltration system. Mr. Clark then stated that, based on these factors, they will use the subsurface gravel system. He explained that the flow goes from left to right and the water travels through stone collected to the pipe into the second cell and the wetland is controlled. Mr. Clark also stated that the outflow is 4 inches below and added that one of the ways they ensure this is by installing an impermeable liner: water is held there and the peak flow is reduced. Mr. Clark then stated that the water will flow to the stone and into the forebay and to the first cell and second cell, with the lower level holding the water. He explained that the water stays below the surface and the new water pushes the old water out. Mr. Clark highlighted that the system is designed to drain out the water in 24 hours with the water level slowly lowering. He then said, in the case of a 100-year storm, the standing water will decrease over a period of time. Mr. Clark noted that this system reduces nitrogen and phosphorus levels, and reduces the temperature of the water.

Commissioner Temple inquired about how the system keeps the fine grain soils from migrating to the pea stone and gravel. Mr. Clark explained that each layer has its own characteristics and because of the gradation, the pea stone holds the soil at the top and does not allow it to go to the bottom. He then stated that the University of New Hampshire developed and studied this system. Commissioner Temple stated that this seems complicated and inquired about the advantage this system might have over something typically used in Connecticut. Commissioner Temple also stated that this system seems costly to construct. Mr. Clark stated that this system might cost a little less and would gain a tremendous amount of treatment in a relatively small area: reducing the nitrogen and reducing the water temperature. Commissioner Temple inquired if the system from the University of New Hampshire would meet the requirements of the Connecticut Storm Water manual, he also added that this project is not in New Hampshire. Mr. Clark stated that the Connecticut manual is old and the proposed system should meet its requirements. Commissioner Temple stated that they need to document if the system works. Mr. Clark stated that the research material is there. Commissioner Temple asked Mr. Mocko if



he is comfortable with this plan. Mr. Mocko stated that he is intrigued by it. Mr. Clark stated that he has seen the system used at a commercial development site in New Hampshire and added that it works.

Ms. Bednaz stated that there are recommendations to check for invasive species. Commissioner Kaputa stated that speckled alder and European alder *Alnus incana* (within the submitted Planting Schedule) are non-native species; he highly recommended that they do not plant those again because they are non-native and were specified for a previous Gateway project in the area, BUT THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR PLANTED THE HIGHLY INVASIVE *Alnus glutinosa* without notifying the Town and now these past plantings are problematic at that previous Gateway site; he is concerned the same thing will happen again and simply does not want to risk the problem, so simply remove *A. incana* from the planting plan and schedule to avoid any problem. Mr. Kaputa also highly recommended removing the proposed *Viburnum plicatum* from the plan and schedule because it is native to Asia, it is considered invasive in states south of Connecticut, and it has been observed to be escaping cultivation and spreading in Hartford County. He also stated if an invasive plant was near a wet basin it would be problematic.

Commissioner Temple inquired why would they go with this system over something that was traditionally used and tested. Mr. Clark stated that each of these sites have unique characteristics. He also noted that the comments from Mr. Mocko and the Engineering Department were to create something more natural. Mr. Clark explained that they do not have enough of a drainage area to work with. Commissioner Temple commented that there is a lot of building and not enough space to put a drainage system and inquired about the use of a hybrid system. Mr. Clark stated that there isn't significant suitable soil or space and because of the characteristics of the site, the University of New Hampshire method is the better choice.

Mr. Doyle explained that in a normal drainage solution they run the pipes and excavate. He stated that the system from the University of New Hampshire seems like a good approach and is better than existing systems. Mr. Doyle explained that they are not comfortable with the soil results and the proposed method will work. He also noted that they are in a situation where they would like to create something unique and better that can also be maintained over time. Mr. Doyle stated that they have done a wonderful job for the last 20 years and this is continuing that tradition.

Commissioner Temple stated that the Commission is being asked to accept something that is new and they need to ensure that this system will work. He inquired about the possibility of the system not working and asked what the backup option would be. Commissioner Temple stated that the Commission is willing to listen but they also need facts of how the system works. He recommended they institute testing and also pointed out that Mr. Clark has not installed this system in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Clark stated that he can give Mr. Mocko the information and testing results. He also explained that they have monitored installations like this. Mr. Clark stated that if the system fails it would end up as an open detention basin. He then reiterated that they do not have enough of a

drainage area. Mr. Clark stated that it is the way the system is designed and will give the information to Mr. Mocko.

Vice-Chairman McInerney stated that he took a training session in New Jersey and the stormwater solution was similar to the one being presented. He also stated that it is good to innovate and improve and added that the Connecticut manual might need some updating. Mr. Clark stated that the Connecticut Manual is a very static document and doesn't get updated as often as other states. He then noted that New Jersey has this system in their manual. Mr. Clark reiterated that he will get the information to Mr. Mocko.

Ms. Terry Hahn of LADA, P.C., Land Planners informed the Commission that she will discuss the LEED points and criteria. She presented a slide on the LEED standards and explained that a building can receive points in the following categories: Integrative Process (1 point earned), Location and Transportation (9 points earned), Sustainable Sites (7 points earned), Water Efficiency (2 points earned), Energy and Atmosphere (4 points earned), Materials and Resources (8 points earned), Indoor Environmental Quality (12 points earned), Innovation (1 point earned), Regional Priority (0 points earned). Ms. Hahn explained that they will earn a total of 44 LEED points (out of a possible 110), giving them certification. Ms. Hahn concluded her presentation. Chairman Harper thanked her and stated that it was very informative.

Chairman Harper asked if there were any additional questions. Commissioner Kaputa stated the applicants should remove the invasive species from the list. Mr. Doyle replied that he will take care of that. Chairman Harper stated that she would like an update on the Eversource damage. Commissioner Shea asked the applicants to send the materials to Mr. Mocko. Commissioner Temple asked them to put in shade trees.

Chairman Harper thanked the applicants.

No members of the public were present.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting of June 25, 2020**

Minutes were accepted as presented.

## **III. COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Mocko informed the Commission that he spoke with Erin McGill, an intern with an ocean and river organization. She would like to educate Glastonbury residents about using less fertilizer on their lawns. Chairman Harper inquired if she needs an endorsement letter or letter of support. Mr. Mocko replied yes. Secretary McClain stated that she doesn't see the harm in this initiative. Vice-Chairman McInerney stated that he thinks the Commission should support it. Secretary McClain stated that it would be good for Ms. McGill to discuss the matter with the Commission. Commissioner Kaputa agreed with Secretary McClain's points.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Temple stated that it is important to review the information Mr. Clark sends regarding the efficiency of the New Hampshire system. Secretary McClain agreed with Commissioner Temple's points. Chairman Harper stated that it is ideal that the applicants will be the ones maintaining the system. Commissioner Temple stated that he felt like his questions were not answered. Secretary McClain stated it would be great if it works and added that the Commission can always say no to the plans. Mr. Mocko commented that this is how progress is made, with taking on new ideas, and added that, if it fails, it would be a learning lesson. Commissioner Temple stated that the record will reflect they had questions regarding the system.

Chairman Harper stated that she would like Ms. McGill to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss the lawn initiative. The Commission members were in agreement.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Chairman's Report - None**
2. **Environmental Planner's Report**

Mr. Mocko stated that he would be contacting Commission members individually and would like 2 volunteers to survey the conservation easement on the east side of Diamond Lake.

**Discussion:** Vice-Chairman McInerney informed the Commission that he will be retiring from the Conservation Commission. He noted that he joined the Commission on January 10, 2005 and has appreciated working with the Commission members and the Environmental Planner. He also stated that he hoped that he contributed to creating a better place and community and will miss his conservation family. Secretary McClain commented that Vice-Chairman McInerney is a treasure and a true asset. Several of the Commissioners stated they will miss his geological expertise. The Commission members congratulated the Vice-Chairman and wished him the best.

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Harper adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadya Yuskaev

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Recording Secretary