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MINUTES OF THE NEW CASTLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. (Town Hall)

Members Present: Lynn McCarthy, Chair, Conni White, Vice-Chair, Tracy Degnan, Rockingham County Conservation District, Darcy Horgan, Brian Mack, Bill Marshall, Ron Pascale, Jim Rini, Brandon Tanguay.

Members Absent: Rebecca Audet, Beth Barnhorst.

Others Present:

1. Approve Minutes.

Ms. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and asked attendees to sign in. Ms. McCarthy made a motion to approve the March minutes with a name correction on page 4. Mr. Rini seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Work Session / Applications.

None.

3. Unfinished Business.

Mr. Rini motioned to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A.3 (L) to discuss consideration of legal advice. Mr. Mack seconded. Roll call was taken and was unanimously voted on by Ms. White, Mr. Rini, Mr. Mack, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Tanguay, and Mr. Pascale at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Tanguay motioned to move back into a public session. Mr. Pascale seconded. The motion was approved unanimously at 5:57 p.m. Mr. Tanguay motioned to seal the minutes from the non-public session RSA 91-A.3 (L) concerning consideration of legal advice. Ms. White seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business.

The Commission voted on the approval of the payment of invoice number 85969 in the amount of \$1,117.96 to the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) for their grant management work between January 2nd and February 23rd, 2018. Mr. Rini made a motion to approve the payment. Mr. Tanguay seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission also voted on the approval of the payment of invoice number 86022 in the amount of \$1,454.39 to the RCCD for their grant management work between March 5th and March 30th,

2018. Ms. White motioned to approve the invoice payment. Mr. Tanguay seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tanguay brought forward a proposal from Town resident Bob Miller, who helps with the monthly Green Waste Day collection. Mr. Miller works with Liberty House, a non-profit organization based in Manchester, NH that provides services to homeless veterans. The organization is hoping to expand in the Seacoast area, so Mr. Miller would like to set up a drop-off station for Liberty House donations next to the Green Waste collection site. He will be responsible for all marketing and coordinating of the drop-off, and will arrange for a Liberty House representative to be on-site on drop-off days. Commission members appreciated the idea for its charitable spirit. Mr. Rini motioned to approve the proposal. Mr. Pascale seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Miller will next bring the proposal in front of the Town Select Board.

The Commission then discussed continued education and outreach plans for wetlands and buffers. Ms. McCarthy will work with Ms. White on Conservation Outreach ahead of the May 8th Town meeting. Ms. White proposed using buffers and the treatment of invasive plants as topics to discuss during the May meeting. She suggested having an iPad at the Commission's booth to show the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) (<https://www.fws.gov/cbra/maps/Mapper.html>). The CBRS shows land and associated aquatic habitats that serve as buffer zones along coastlines in the United States.

Members also brainstormed ideas for the quarterly issue of *Island Items*, with Mr. Rini suggesting that the Commission write an article focusing on spring-time topics, such as rain barrels. Ms. Horgan proposed writing about Green Waste Days, which will be resuming shortly. Article submissions are due by April 20th to Town Clerk Pam Cullen.

5. Announcements.

None.

6. Adjourn.

Mr. Rini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pascale seconded. The motion carried, unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rumph