

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources and Conservation Committee

**Conducted online (Zoom meeting ID: 157 064 025)* Password: 9g74AI Call in number: (929) 205-6099*
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Thursday, April 16, 2020**

In attendance: Peg Rosenau, Sean McFaden, Don Rendall, Gail Albert, Mike Schramm, Jon Cocina, Bob Paquin, Dean Pierce, Greg Shover, Benjamin Heath, J. Audien, Andy Row, Brit Aube

- Call to Order: – 7:05
- Jon confirmed that he would continue to take minutes
- No public comment
- Development Review
 - Rice Lumber subdivision of Lots 4 and 5 (amends Rice Lumber PUD)
 - CLS Holdings 48 Unit Multifamily (amends Rice Lumber PUD)
 - Don and Gail have started the letter, but it is not ready for review. They have decided to construct the letter with a lot of detail to provide additional information for the DRB. It will take more time to write and to provide a draft to the committee.
 - Gail requested that Ben provide a diagram of the updated site layout based on the conversation that took place on April 4/15. This would include the reduction of units and reorientation of the size of buildings and where they will be located. The SNRCC wants to ensure that the committee is commenting on the plan that will be in front of DRB.
 - Ben mentioned a hope that the simple annotated version from 4/15 would be enough. Gail would like a signed document that makes it clear that the annotated version is what will be presented to the DRB.
 - Ben did a quick screenshare of the revised plan. He also discussed a hope that SNRCC would issue separate recommendations for lots 7-10 and lots 4, 5. It's his belief that DRB wants us to handle the recommendations separately.
 - Gail's expectation is that the letter will be ready by the time the committee meets again, but the date of a next meeting is not determined yet.
- 193 Harbor Road 2 lot subdivision (Barbara Noble property) – presented by Andy Row, J. Audien
 - Andy described overall subdivision including wetland protection and how lots 1 and 2 are configured. The Second lot will have frontage on Tracy Lane. The position of the house on Lot 2 is oriented to maximize solar energy potential, but lengthens the driveway coming from Tracy Lane. Applicant described the efficiency of the new build and a desire to make it environmentally friendly. There was also a discussion of how wet the lot is and the need to raise

the house above grade by several feet and use a footer drain. Westerly buffer of vegetation is roughly 15 feet. Sean asked if the width of vegetation could be increased or would that decrease solar potential. J. Audien has been mapping the trees and most of the desirable trees that are on the lot are already in the wetland. East of the wetland, it is mostly poplar trees with disease and damaged trees. The arborist involved in the project recommended the removal of trees near the center of the lot. Mike asked about the need for a pump to get to the municipal system. Andy said that given length of the sewer service and the depth of the municipal services, it was very difficult to make a gravity system viable.

- Peg would move to approve project as presented. Bob seconded. All in favor.

• Updates: – 8:00-8:30 • Mapping

- Sean has no updates at this time.

• Regulation working group

- Don mentioned that the regulations team would like to create a table to define what should be on a map and will work with Sean when ready.
- Don, Gail, Fred are moving this work forward and have engaged with Dean with questions and thoughts. Wants to ensure that SNRCC is involved in development proposals at the appropriate time in the overall development process. May have something to review by the next meeting.

- Animal Coexistence Working Group

- No updates
- Dean confirmed that we can schedule a next meeting.

- Regional Conservation Partnership

- No updates

• Other Business: 8:30-8:40

- Gail asked about the Front Porch Forum about trees being cut down somewhere in the LaPlatte Nature Park. Gail is going to ask the person that made the post.
- Committee then took a quick look at the Bourega Lane subdivision. Committee members did not have questions.
 - Don moved to table, Mike seconded. All in favor.

• Conservation Projects (Executive session as needed): – 8:40-8:45

- No new projects, no updates on the Ewing property

• Adjourn: – 8:45, or upon completion of discussion

- Don moved to adjourn, Bob second. All in favor.