

Conservation Commission Minutes  
DRAFT June 14, 2016

Present: Jim Tasse, Zach Matzkin, Mark Fleming, Jeremy Gabrielson, Marti Blair, Planner  
Maureen O'Meara

Guests: Owens McCullough of Sebago Technics; Joel Fitzpatrick

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. The minutes of May 31, 2016 were approved unanimously.
2. Citizen comments on items not on the agenda: None.
3. Maxwell Woods: Owens McCullough described the proposed Maxwell Woods development. The Maxwells can continue to farm on a portion of the land, but that area will be restricted from development. There will be an attempt to create trail connectivity, with a plan to create approximately 2000 feet of trails, along the ridge. A row of brush would be cleared.

The next phase will be design and approval, which may take up to a year. The trail will have a public access easement. Stormwater would have to be treated before being discharged, ultimately the treated water may end up at Maxwell's Pond. The road will go out to Spurwink. A little over 45% of the land will be open space.

A large chunk of wetland north of the property and also the farm pond will be preserved, no wetland is being impacted. There are no vernal pools on this site. Joel Fitzpatrick indicated his willingness to work with the Conservation Commission when it comes time to build trails.

4. Town Council goals: The Council has requested a report showing missing links in the Greenbelt Trail and neighborhoods. The Commission discussed the best presentation of the trail links as identified in the 2013 Greenbelt Plan.

The following organization of trails was suggested:

Dyer Woods-Northeast: 1, 2  
Canterbury-Interior: 3, 4, 6, 8, 9  
Loveitt Woods/Stonegate: 5, 10  
Winnick Woods: 7  
Great Pond: 16, 17  
Gull Crest: 14  
Spurwink/Southwest: 12, 13  
Town Center: 11  
Coastal: 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Successes in making connections will be highlighted in the report, including Loveitt access, Eastman trail, exit to Spurwink, boardwalk at Gull Crest, Two Lights entrance, Great Pond steps, bridge in Winnick Woods, boardwalk at Two Lights.

5. Greenbelt implementation: Pollack Brook to the Spurwink River. Grant applications to Recreational Trails Program are due in September, for purchase of the bridge.
6. General trail management: There is a need for signage coming out of Fort Williams. The Crosstown Trail is marked, but the roads are not.
7. Planning Board review: A small subdivision is being planned along Alewife Brook, with common land along the Brook but no public access.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: July 12, 2016