



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City of Leominster, Massachusetts

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**Leominster Conservation Commission
PUBLIC MEETING LEOMINSTER
25 West St, Room 10
January 26, 2016 7PM
Meeting Minutes**

I. In attendance:

Kelley Freda - Chairperson	Marco Bangrazi - Conservation Agent / Environmental Inspector
Daniel Brodeur	
Paul Colombo	
Larry Gianakis, Jr.	Absent
Scott Pearson	

Enter new board members name above.

II. The meeting is opened at 7:00 p.m.

III. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Enforcements, there are none at this time.
3. Communications:

a. Nashua River Watershed Association – Riparian Buffer Presentation by Mark Archambault

- i. Mark Archambault, AICP, NRWA in partnership with Caroly Shumway, PhD Executive Director, Merrimack River Watershed Council.
- ii. Archambault is a land use planner. He is to talk about riparian buffers.
- iii. The mission of the Nashua River Watershed Association is to work for a healthy ecosystem with clean water and open spaces for human and wildlife communities, where people work together to sustain mutual economic and environmental well-being in the Nashua River watershed.
- iv. Our goals:
 - Restore and protect water quality and quantity for people, fish, and wildlife
 - Conserve open spaces for water quality, wildlife habitat, farms, forests, and recreation
 - Encourage careful land use with well-planned development
- v. Archambault gives an overview. He will talk about Merrimack's top environment problems, the Leominster sub-watersheds, and the project's benefits to our town.
- vi. There is a restoration component and a regulatory component to the project.
- vii. Top issues of the watershed are:
 1. Stormwater



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2. Pathogens
 3. Excessive nutrients
 4. Flooding
 5. Decline of wetland associated birds
 6. Climate change will increase flooding and stormwater impacts in NE
- viii. The watershed in Leominster is above the recommended percentage (<5% impervious surfaces in river buffer). The Cattaconamug-Squannacook watershed buffer is at 5.5%.
 - ix. Archambault reviews a few ideas of what the town can do to protect buffers, reduce impervious cover and reduce polluted runoff.
 - x. Archambault offers that he is a resource for the Leominster Conservation Commission to do these things.
 - xi. Regarding the no build zone, Freda asks is it easier to get it through Towns as a by-law as opposed to Cities. Archambaults reply compares a city council to a town meeting considering who would have input.
 - xii. What is the action plan asks Brodeur. This year is the presentation. Year 2 is identifying areas for restoration and meeting with folks. Year 3 would be implementation.
 - xiii. Freda asks about excessive nutrients and the new phosphorous regulations. Freda asks Archambault if the new regulations are expected to help this effort. Archambault cannot comment on this, but he will inquire with his colleagues to get an answer.
4. Minutes
 - a. December 8, 2015, Larry Gianakis is needed so we will wait until next meeting for review and approval.
 5. Old Business, there is none at this time.
 6. New Business
 - a. **Summit Street, Map 523, Lot 9 (0.23 Acre Lot) – City Owned Surplus Lot to be Sold**
 - i. Marco informs the Commission that the City will be declaring a parcel of land as surplus at the City Council meeting on Monday and will likely be selling it to Geronimo Properties at some point. Marco was asked if the Commission had any interest in the land, approximately 0.23 acres on Sawtelle Rd. (Summit St.) Map 523, Lot 9.
 - ii. There is small discussion on the area of land that separates two house lots.
 - iii. It is agreed that the Commission has no interest in the land, thank you.
 7. Certificate of Compliance, there are none at this time.
 8. Extension Permits, there are none at this time.
 9. Emergency Certifications, there are none at this time.
 10. Agent's Report, there is not one at this time.
 11. Sign Papers
 12. Chairman's Report, there is not one at this time.
 13. Next Meeting: February 9, 2016. Deadline, January 28, 2016
 14. Adjournment is at 7:30pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Pellecchia, Conservation Scribe

The 8 interests identified in the Wetland Protection Act

- (1) Protection of public and private water supply*
- (2) Protection of ground water supply*
- (3) Flood control*
- (4) Storm damage protection*
- (5) Prevention of pollution*
- (6) Protection of land containing shellfish*
- (7) Protection of fisheries*
- (8) Protection of wildlife habitat*