

1 **FINAL**

2 Newbury Conservation Commission Meeting

3 August 30, 2023

4 Newbury Veteran's Hall

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6 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Holmes (Chair), Mr. Stewart (Vice Chair), Ms. Lord (ex-officio),
7 Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Beauchemin, Mr. Magee

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9 Ms. Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at: 7:00pm.

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11 **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

12 **Minutes**

13 None were reviewed.

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15 **INTENT TO CUT:**

16 None were reviewed.

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18 **TREE APPLICATIONS & NCC COMMENTS IN PROTECTED SHORELAND:**

19 None were reviewed.

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21 **NHDES: SHORELAND STANDARD APPLICATIONS:**

22 None were reviewed.

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24 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

25 None were reviewed.

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27 **OLD BUSINESS:**

28 Discussed NHDES permit #2023-00719 .

- 29 • Overall concerns are for Beck Brook and Lake Sunapee, especially as Lake Sunapee is an
30 economic engine for the entire region. Impacts to the water quality of Lake Sunapee impact
31 our communities (Newbury, Sunapee and New London at a minimum).
32 • Concern of increase of waste going to sewage lagoons due to a much larger and longer use of
33 the leased area. This has led to an increase in nutrients on the leased property and going into
34 Beck Brook and Lake Sunapee. Concern includes potential leakage from ponds and the
35 increase of nutrients being sprayed onto land and wetlands immediately upstream of
36 watercourse that flows into Beck Brook (via wetland where parking lot #4 is proposed).
37 • Planning Board seemed to have no concerns about the parking lot #4 proposal, but seem to
38 have many concerns about small projects with demonstrably much smaller impacts.

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40 The Newbury Conservation Commission decided:

- 41 • Contact Commissioner Stewart directly with a letter to inform her of the existing poor
42 conditions of stormwater management on the leased area, and that these conditions will
43 become even worse with the proposed increase in impervious surfaces. Mr. Rhodes will draft

1 the letter and sent to members for comments. Mr. Magee recommended that we get this letter
2 to Commissioner Stweart very soon as trees may be cut very quickly after permits are
3 granted by NHDES.

- 4 • Conduct a site visit as a publicly-noticed Newbury Conservation Commission meeting of the
5 downslope side of the slopes of the sewage lagoons. 9/11 or 9/13 (rain date) at 2pm. We will
6 send a complaint form to DES if we see leakage or other issues on the downslope side of the
7 ponds.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

10 None.

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12 **OTHER:**

13 None

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15 Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn at 9:05pm. Seconded by Mr. Magee. Meeting minutes recorded by
16 John Magee, member of the NCC.