



MINUTES
for the
City of Fitchburg
Resource Conservation Commission
March 16, 2015 Meeting

RCC and Staff Members Present: Steve Arnold, Diane Streck, Chris Jimieson, Tony Hartmann, Jan Kucher, Rick Eilertson, Cory Horton (Arrived at 7:36pm)

RCC Members Absent: Samuel Cooke (excused), Kia Stearn

Others Present: Deb Hatfield, Rob Montgomery, Mike Schultz, Phil Sveum

1. Call to Order

- Diane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Appointment of Timekeeper

- Steve was appointed Timekeeper.

3. Public Appearances on Non-Agenda Items

- None

4. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2015 RCC Meeting

- *Chris moved to approve the Minutes, Steve seconded.* Diane suggested one small change. *The Minutes were approved as amended.*

5. New Business

5.a. Comprehensive Development Plan Amendment Request CDP(A)-2051-15 by Deborah Hatfield, Agent for Hamm Farm Land, LLC, to Amend the Quarry Vista Comprehensive Development Plan, Lands near Fitchrona/Lacy Road

- The CDP and Preliminary Plat were discussed together.
- Background was provided on the wetland delineation and the landfill relocation.
- Diane requested that the landfill relocation plan indicate that any items that can be recycled will be recycled.

5.b. Preliminary Plat Request PP-2053-15 by Deborah Hatfield, Agent for Hamm Farm Land, LLC, for Approval of a Revised Preliminary Plat for Quarry Vista

- *Steve moved to recommend approval of both the "CDP(A)-2051-15 to Amend the Quarry Vista Comprehensive Development Plan, Lands near Fitchrona/Lacy Road" and "Preliminary Plat Request PP-2053-15 by Deborah Hatfield, Agent for Hamm Farm Land, LLC, for Approval of a Revised Preliminary Plat for Quarry Vista". Tony seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

5.c. Waterway Cleanup - Sat., April 18th, 9-11 am

- Volunteers will meet at 9am at Red Arrow Pond and focus on the Dunn's Marsh North Wetland Complex ~300 feet south of Red Arrow Pond where the density of trash and recyclables is the greatest.
- Rick indicated the amount of trash and recyclables at the Schumann Greenway were minimal and didn't warrant a group of volunteers for that location.

- Syene Road (McCoy Road to Post Road) and along the bike path will also be targeted if there are enough volunteers.
- **Action Item: Chris Jimieson will post on Swan Creek of Nine Springs Neighbors Facebook page, and if he gets enough volunteers, lead the Syene Rd Cleanup and notify RCC so Rick can prepare a map of the area.**

5.d. Green Clean-Up - E-cycle, Shred and Clean Sweep - Sat., May 9th, 8-11 am

- Diane is writing an article on this event and drop-off recycling opportunities for the April issue of The Star.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Rick will work with Dane County Clean Sweep to have a voucher for available allowing a resident to drop off latex paint at the Clean Sweep facility for no extra fee, since the Fitchburg event will not be accepting latex paint.**
 - **Rick will confirm with the Police Department whether they are willing to have the MedDrop Box available during this event.**
 - **Diane will circulate her article for review prior to submitting to The Star.**

5.e. Review/Recommend Action on Sand Request for Residents - Steve

- Discussion occurred on Steve's suggestion to make sand available to residents during winter months.
- Members thanked Steve for promoting alternatives to chlorides; however, due to problems with sand, the consensus was to not pursue making sand available.

5.f. 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Budget requests

- Diane asked members to start thinking about RCC requests for the 2016-20 CIP Budget.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Rick will check with MGE on whether they've prepared a report on the McKee Farms Urban Wind Turbine.**
 - **Rick will include relevant items from the 2015-2019 CIP Budget in the next RCC packet.**
 - **Members should bring ideas for RCC CIP requests to the May meeting.**

5.g. Begin discussing Summer Green Thursday event

- Discussion occurred on event ideas and possible locations.
- **Action Item: Chris will discuss at the March 17th Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting and forward recommendations.**

6. Unfinished Business

6.a. Green Thursdays, RCC Annual Event - Green Complete Streets, April 9th, 3:00-4:30pm - Chris

- Discussion occurred on promotion status.
- Initial feedback is that there is a good deal of interest in this topic.

6.b. Update on Municipal Construction Guidelines – Samuel & Diane

- Diane provided an update on a meeting she and Samuel had with Cory. They discussed the construction of the new fire stations as it affects the City's 25 x 25 commitment. Cory mentioned that the Fire Station Oversight Committee has asked for payback calculations for geothermal and solar and life cycle calculations, which will be performed by the architect.
- Steve reported that he attended the opening discussion of the March 16th Fire Station Oversight Committee and encouraged the committee to consider long-term operating costs of the building and not just the initial construction costs.

7. Council Update

- Diane thanked Samuel and Chris for attending the February Common Council meeting in her place and presenting the 2014 RCC Report and 2015 RCC Calendar to the Common Council. Diane reported that Richard Bloomquist questioned if residents dropping off hazardous waste at the local Clean Sweep event would be charged a fee, and it was explained that Dane County requires Fitchburg to charge a fee to partially offset the disposal costs. Mayor Pfaff commended RCC for its Idling Reduction Campaign.

8. Staff Update

8.a. Solid Waste Update

- 8.a.i. 2014 Recycling Annual Report** – Rick noted that staff is working with DNR on a couple form questions and will submit the report prior to the April 30th deadline.

8.b. Stormwater Update

8.b.i. 2013 - 2014 Stormwater Biennial Report

- Diane mentioned that the previous version of the report in the February RCC packet had statements regarding pesticide usage. Diane noted that Fitchburg has been applying pesticides around bark around trees in terraces and parks and along Schumann Greenway, etc. Diane asked if the City can work toward reducing pesticide use.
- Steve suggested a future project for staff could be to inventory municipal pesticide usage citywide, document where they are currently applied and engage in a continuous improvement program to reduce pesticide usage to the minimum amount necessary. Diane agreed that documentation would be a key to ensure consistency for staff from one year to the next.

8.c. Sustainability Update – No discussion

9. Announcements – Diane thanked Steve and Tony (if he's elected Alder) for their time and effort on RCC. Steve thanked Diane for her work as RCC Chair for 2 consecutive terms.

9.a. Next Meeting

- Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30p.m. in the Meeting Room.

10. Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.