

**Franklin Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 8, 2018
City Hall basement – 7:30 pm**

Call to Order

- Approval of the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes

Old Business

- Update on proposed Shaw Brook beaver habitat restoration

New Business

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Legislative Update

Adjournment

FRANKLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Present: Glenn Morrill, Nita Tomaszewski, Bob Morin, Roy Gilbreth (via telephone)

Next meeting: March 13, 2017 7:30 pm, City Hall Basement

Meeting called to order by Nita at 7:25 PM

Minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were distributed for review. Glenn moved and Roy seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed.

I Old Business

Update on Marc Fortin Salisbury Road property & Aquatic Resource Mitigation Workshop – January 18 – Bob provided an update on talks with Dick Lewis. Bob will also contact Marc Fortin regarding his property.

II New Business

Update on Mill City Park Project - Marty Parichand provided the Commission with specifics regarding the proposed park project, noting that the project is moving ahead on the design and permitting phase. He further mentioned that the Mill City Park Project meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Take Root facility.

NH Association of Conservation Commission – Legislative Update

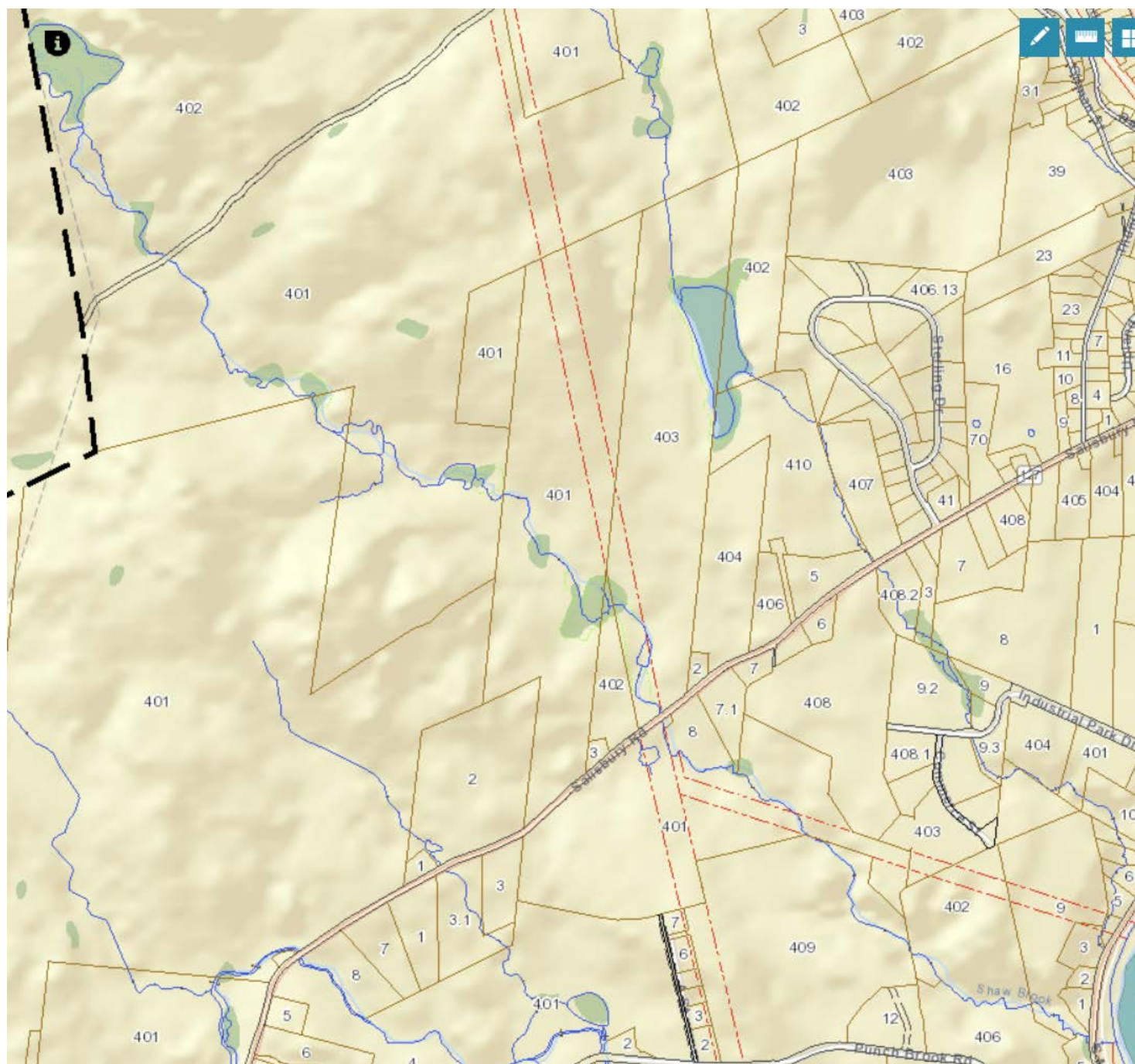
III Other Business

Nita shared an article on old barns

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Shaw Pond and Brook



New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions - 5/7/18 Legislative Update

Bills to Watch in 2018

[HB1104-FN](#) This bill proposes reductions in regulatory permits, including Dredge and Fill application timelines and includes many other changes to administrative procedures. The Executive Departments and Administration has recommended that the bill passes with an amendment. NHACC worked closely with the Governor's legal council to ensure that conservation commissions have the ability to request an extension to the 40 day wetland permit review process in the [Amendment to HB1104](#).

[HB 1585](#) would have inserted the words “**or a Natural Resources Inventory**” in RSA 36-A. It was voted Inexpedient to Legislate by the full House in March. Since NHACC has always interpreted the word “index” in RSA 36-A:2 to also refer to a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), this bill would not have changed the way we operate or support conservation commissions.

The bills proposed to study current use have now been laid on the table.

[HB 1210](#): An ACT establishing a committee to study the effect of current use taxation on small and rural communities. NHACC opposes this bill and provided [written testimony](#) at public hearing. This bill would not introduce any legislation for 2018, but the study committee could have a big impact on current use. SB405 is another current use study bill that could impact the protection of open space. The [Amendment to SB 405](#) changed the bill to study current use taxation on small and rural municipalities. Both of these bills have now been laid on the table which means the House or Senate may vote again on the bill someday, but for now the bill has been set aside. If the session ends and the bill has not been taken off the table, the bill dies.

[HB1616](#): An ACT requiring legislative approval for regional planning commissions to accept money from governmental sources other than the state of New Hampshire or its political subdivisions. NHACC opposes this bill which could impact the support regional planning commissions provide to conservation commissions. The House voted this bill as Inexpedient to Legislate.

We are also tracking [HB1233](#): An ACT preempting local regulation of seeds and fertilizer. This bill is a request of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Foods as a more efficient way to control use of fertilizers. This bill has been worked on by NH Department of Environmental Services, The Nature Conservancy and the NH Municipal Association. This bill passed the full House with an [Amendment](#).

We know that many commissions have concerns over the protection of beavers and plan to support [HB 1343](#) this session. This bill adds provisions for the protection of beavers and beaver dams and requires the executive director of the fish and game department to include advice on beaver control on its public website. This bill has been Referred to Interim Study.