



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on April 8, 2024

Meeting Convened at 6:30 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Richard Mellor

Alternate members present: Joe Desruisseaux, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Cabin update- Drouin reported that he estimated, based on prices he had obtained, that material for the landing/small deck at the back of the cabin would cost \$360. Lefebvre motioned and Mellor seconded to expend up to \$400 from the Conservation Fund for the material. After discussion, the Commission approved the expenditure.
- Kiosk update – Lefebvre reported that additions to the 2024 Project list were made to include a new kiosk at the Miriam Hunt Memorial Forest.
- Map update – Dickler distributed copies of a draft map layout showing the conservation lands. On large paper, it could be folded and easily used by a person following the trails on the map. The map would also fit into the plastic pockets provided at kiosks. The Commission discussed having individual trail maps at each conservation area and decided it may be more costly and difficult to manage supplies. Dickler will arrange for a local layout designer to prepare the map for printing. Plans for trail maps on conservation lands kiosks were also discussed and options will be evaluated at the next meeting.
- Zoning Violation Status – Drouin is arranging a meeting with the Code Enforcement Officer (Rick Donovan) and the Lord Brook Rd. property owner for review.
- FPU Institute for Climate Action, Earth Day Market & Fair, April 19, 2024 – Dickler reported that a table will be provided by FPU for both the Conservation Commission and the Energy Commission. She is finalizing Commission members to handle the table during the market.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Trees were reported down at the Hunt Memorial Forest and Mellor indicated he would cut them.

NEW BUSINESS

- Monadnock Conservancy review of the conservation easement at Converse Meadow will take place on April 10 with Mellor and Lefebvre accompanying Richard Pendleton from the Conservancy.
- Jaffrey Conservation Commission application – Tom Alborn Hsu, Chair of that Commission, explained the plans for a new computer application that will display information about natural resources found on a plot of land. The application is being developed by Moosewood Ecological, LLC and is based on the town's natural resources inventory presently being conducted. Hsu indicated he would keep Rindge informed as the application progresses. Drouin mentioned the possibility of a joint meeting of the Rindge and Jaffrey commissions.
- Contoocook Marsh Pollinator Garden Plan – Dickler explained the options and prices for pollinator plants. Drouin motioned and Mellor seconded for an expenditure up to \$300 from the Conservation Fund.
- Grant Funding Sources for Small Rindge Farmers & Landowners – Mellor reviewed the possibilities of grants available to small Rindge farmers/landowners as explained on a form that is available on the Commission's website.
- Land Maintenance Letter – Drouin reviewed a letter he had drafted to send to vendors for a price quote for summer maintenance work at various conservation lands. The Commission agreed to send the letter to businesses who might be interested in the work.

- Election of Officers – Mellor nominated Drouin for Chairman and Lefebvre seconded the motion. After discussion, the Commission voted to elect Drouin. Drouin then nominated Mellor as Vice Chair and Dickler seconded the motion. The Commission voted and approved the motion.
- Appointment of Alternates/regular members

The Commission reviewed the list of Commission members and approved them as follows:

Rob Rubendall, Member
 Fred Rogers, Member
 Phil Simeone, Member
 Al Lefebvre, Member
 David Drouin, Member and Chair
 Doreen Richards, Member
 Richard Mellor, Member and Vice Chair
 Deni Dickler, Alternate
 Joe Desruisseaux, Alternate
 Fred Dodge, Alternate
 Del Friedman, Alternate

Announcements/Reminders

June 8, History Alive – Downtown Hillsboro, 3D Map of Contoocook River from about 10,000 AD

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for March 28, 2024 – Postponed to next meeting

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2024

Schedule of 2024 Meetings: April 25, May 13 & 23, June 10 & 27, July 8 & 25,
 Aug. 12 & 22, Sept. 9 & 26, Oct. 14 & 24, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre