



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Minutes for Meeting on September 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Convened at 6:30 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers, Rob Rubendall

Alternate members present: Deni Dickler

Other Attendees: Ric Perry, David Cochran, Ken Arsenault

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Workday September 10, 8:00a.m. at Mattabeseck Wildlife Corridor. Rubendall will obtain the Gator from the Rec Center and it will be used to haul the chipper along Mattabeseck trails. Rindge Stone & Gravel will allow the Commission to cross its property to create new trail on far side of Mattabeseck. Four Conservation Corps (Dodges and Camerons at 10:00 to Noon) members have indicated they will assist during the workday.
- Merrimack Conservation Partnership 2024 grant application – Dickler reported that the intern who was working on the Commission's application did not submit it.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
  - Hunt Memorial Forest - Monadnock Conservancy Visit (Richard Pendleton) – Lefebvre reported that he walked this area in the morning with Pendleton and no issues were identified.
  - Tetreault Park electrical charges – Drouin reported electrical charges for the park will be handled by the Town. Mellor reported in an email that he obtained and placed a metal storage cabinet in the cabin.
  - Converse Meadow parking – Drouin indicated that he met with Paul Knight to enlarge the parking area. The total costs including material, equipment and work are expected to be about \$7000. Lefebvre motioned to spend \$7000 from the Conservation Fund for the parking area. Rubendall seconded the motion. The Commission voted and approved the motion.
- Tour of Tetreault/Town Forest, National Honey Month – Drouin will lead this walking tour on September 22.
- Fall speaker – Dickler reported that Prof Goodby has agreed to prepare a presentation.
- Map & signage review – Lefebvre reported that he had 3 trail maps printed and laminated for Conserve Meadow and Tetreault/Town Forest which have been placed on kiosks. Drouin indicated that he was able to find "No Hunting" signs and had ordered them.
- Benches – Drouin has received six newly constructed trail benches from volunteers and placed three placed at Tetreault. More benches are expected from other volunteers.
- Boat trailer – the Commission received payment (\$250.01) for the boat trailer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tree Cutting - Custer Forestry Services, Ric Perry of Monadnock Sporting Club. Ric Perry shared the club's plan for removal of old trees that were dangerously close to their cabin. The Commission reviewed the plan and had no issues with them. The Commission explained existing requirements with removal of any trees.
- Commission's Conservationist of the Year Award – Lefebvre reviewed the previous plan for this award. Suggestions were made to the document that outlined the plan procedures.

- POOR Meat Raffle Lefebvre explained date options for Commission participation in the POOR raffle which were: Nov 2, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1. The Commission discussed the dates and decided to participate on Feb. 1

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

Rindge CEO letter to Jamie VanDyke concerning Map 3 Lot 43 restoration – Drouin reviewed the letter. ZBA application for Special Exception and Variance at 94 Main St., Map 6 Lot 65, by Algave LLC for Ezra Ketola. Drouin will prepare and send a response to the ZBA.

### **Invoices**

Conservation Fund expenditures signed and approved: laminated maps for conservation lands by Lefebvre for \$79.18 and \$373.92 for lumber and materials needed for benches.

### **Announcements/Reminders**

- Sept. 14, Workday at Mattabeseck
- Sept 22, 1:30 p.m. –Tour of Tetreault/Town Forest, National Honey Month by Drouin

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for August 22, 2024

Dickler motioned and Rogers seconded to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2024. The Commission approved the motion with Rubendall abstaining

**NEXT MEETING:** September 26, 2024

**Schedule of 2024 Meetings:** Oct. 14 & 24, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 2024.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

*Minutes recorded by Lefebvre.*