



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Minutes for Meeting on October 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Convened at 6:49pm

Members Present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Rob Rubendall, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers

Members Absent:

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Commissioner's Conservationist of the Year Award – Lefebvre
  - Lefebvre recommended two people to be serving on the award team (Dwight Schenk and Catherine Coney)
  - Mellor moved to adopt the above mentioned recommendations, all in favor, seconded by Rubendall.
- NHACC Annual Conference – Nov. 2, Register by Oct 25- \$60, After October 25 -\$70
  - Lefebvre plans on attending
- Fall speaker – Lefebvre
  - PR for fall speaker event will go out around October 27, the recreation center as event host has been confirmed
  - Rogers has confirmed with Dr. Goodby for the presentation on November 11.
  - Summary of Women's Club Fair
    - \$179 raised from event
    - Sonia Prince, leader of Girl Scout troupe, is hoping to find a project that will aide committee and help scouts earn badges.
- Meeting with Jaffrey Conservation Committee – Lefebvre
  - Meeting starts at 7:00pm and will be located in the white building behind town office
  - Mellor noted that commission should pursue Rick Van Der Poll more, Drouin agrees.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
  - Mattabesock Workday Update October 10 and next workday at ? – Drouin
    - Did three hours of work starting at the midpoint and went west until connecting at the blue trail which runs north-south and connects at Perry Road
      - Will return for another day of work in clearing and marking blue and yellow trails
    - Lefebvre questioned conservancy sign at Annette at location of property line as it seems to be incorrect
      - Mellor suggested that conservancy may want to put up a small kiosk or info board to post better information.
        - Lefebvre agreed it would be advantageous but without a camp director, there is no direct lead to review.

- Lefebvre added that the time slot from 8a-12pm was too much for some volunteers and suggested 8a-10a then 10a-12p may be easier, or a possible change of dates/times.
    - Mellor also noted that two volunteers who did attend were very enthusiastic and will likely return on the next workday to finish the trail.
- Parking & Driveway at Converse – Drouin
  - Conservation Fund Approved Expenses
    - Rindge Stone and Gravel - \$1083
    - Sunrise Landscapers - \$2000 bill to be signed
    - 202 Trucks and Equipment – donation
- Drouin & Mellor will meet on County Rd with Paul Knight of Sunrise landscapers for leveling entrance at kiosk area of Contoocook for possible costs.
- Monadnock Conservancy Boundary Mattabeseck Walk – Oct. 22
  - Mellor confirms that Mattabeseck Walk is Oct 22
  - Cheshire walkers will also be there 10/22 but at another time slot
- No Hunting Signs – Tetreault Park
  - Mellor stated that it is unlikely that all the No Hunting signs will all be up in time for hunting season throughout the entire perimeter. He suggested focusing on the line of the town forest.
- Rubendall mentions that he did put the laminated regulation signs on the tent platforms at Tetreault.
- Mellor checked clearing on Goddard Rd with F. Dodge and listed tree species which was given to Code Enforcement then along to Jamison VanDyke who would like to meet next Monday 10/21 to discuss plan. It can be discussed at the 10/25 meeting. Issue re. VanDyke violation

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- New clerk – Amanda Nardini
- FY 2025 Budget – Drouin
  - D. Drouin notes that budget distributed this meeting does not reflect most current and pending expenditures. The Commission reviewed various line items and the basic Commission needs for next year. Drouin will prepare budget for meeting with Board of Selectmen.
- Future broadcast messages/emails – Lefebvre
  - Lefebvre asks if Commission should collect name/address for future uses – ie fundraising appeals and notifications.
    - The consensus is – why not.
- Trail map ordering – Lefebvre
  - Reordering maps is needed as nearly 500 maps have been used. One stack is left. Lefebvre requested reordering another 500 at cost of up to \$450. Approved.
- Wetland violations – Drouin
  - D. Drouin provided background information for code enforcement letters below.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

- CEO Letters to Travis Salo, 81 Candlelight Rd, Map 8 Lot 15-1
  - Rindge Conservation Commission cc'd on letters
- CEO Letter to Carmela Salo, 79 Candlelight Rd, Map 8 Lot 15-1
  - Rindge Conservation Commission cc'd on letters
- Board of Selectmen – issue was raised on the intent to cut and timing of notice.

- ZBA case 24-2029 Special Exception from Art IV Sec. B, Map 34 Lot 44, 139 Redgate Lane, Jacob & Kacey Fortier
  - No impact on conservation
- ZBA Case 24-2030 Variance from Art. V Sec. C.3.d ], Map 2 Lot 45, Dale Farm Rd.
  - No impact on conservation
- ZBA Case 24-2031 Special Exception from Art. V Sec. 3, Map 2 Lot 45 Dale Farm Rd.
  - No impact on conservation

## **INVOICES**

- See **Parking & Driveway at Converse** line pg2

## **Announcements/Reminders**

- October 16, Meeting with Jaffrey Cons Comm
- October 20, Miram Hunt Tour - F. Rogers
- NHACC Annual Conference, Register by Oct 25- \$60, After October 25 -\$70
- Nov. 11 Dr. Goodby presentation at Rec Center (6:30)
- February 4, POOR Meat Raffle at American Legion Hall, Jaffrey (need at least 8 helpers)  
– Lefebvre

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for September 26, 2024

R. Mellor motioned to approved to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2024, seconded by R. Rubendall. R. Mellor motions to approve as amended. Commission votes all in favor, F. Rogers abstains. Motion passes/

R. Rubendall motions to adjourn, D. Drouin seconds. Commission votes, all in favor. Meeting adjourned, 8:20pm.

## **NEXT MEETING:** October 24, 2024

**Schedule of 2024 Meetings:** Oct. 24, Nov. 11 (Dr. Goodby presentation), Dec. 9, 2024.

*And any other business that comes before the Commission.*