



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on April 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Synnott, Mellor, Drouin, Lefebvre, Rubendall, Dickler, Dodge

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

OLD BUSINESS

- Earth Day at Cathedral of the Pines, April 26 – Dickler
 - Event still on despite forecasted rain, possibility of abbreviated outdoor activities
 - Synnott offered to post additional flyers.
- Conservation Land & Related –
 - Trail Stewards update – Rubendall
 - 11 of 14 trail stewards attended introductory training on 4/19
 - Vests not ready for training, Lefebvre suggested bringing them to the Earth Day event if ready in time. Rubendall will check on order status.
 - Workday 4/19 - volunteers went to Schoolhouse, Converse, Tetrault
 - One trail steward is an engineer and offered to assist on the Ford property bridge.
 - Drouin suggested a gathering celebrating/thanking Corps and Trail Stewards for their service; Mellor suggested Fall, Dickler suggested during January during CoTY presentation.
 - Mellor and Desruisseaux went to Tetrault and finished removing downed tree and clearing part of junk car trail. Then went to Schoolhouse, which is in good shape aside from lethally hanging ash tree branches.
 - Commission discussed additional trails and mapping of RCC properties, including delineating private land.
 - County Road parking area – Mellor/Drouin
 - Met with Paul Knight on County Rd parking area. Labor is free, will pay for materials.
 - Goal of squaring off parking lot and creating a gradual more handicap-friendly entry.
 - RCC will hold mini-workday to clear trees so Paul can come 5/3 to start work.
 - 3 loads fill, 2 loads gravel and ½ load (8yds) bark mulch on the slope side. Estimated cost - \$3,200. Drouin asked for motion to approve up to 3500
 - Mellor moved to authorize up to \$3,500 for materials to improve the County Rd parking lot, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted with all in favor, motion passed.
 - Lefebvre brought up suggestion to add kiosk in Miriam Hunt with updated materials. Commission agreed to update map. Drouin asked if commission would like to get pricing to purchase a kiosk.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
 - Lefebvre nominated Drouin as Chair, seconded by Dickler.
 - Lefebvre nominated Mellor as Vice Chair, seconded by Dickler.
 - Commission voted for both motions electing Chair and Vice Chair positions with all in favor, motion passed.
 - Mellor commended Drouin's timely letters and communications to the other town boards in response to recommendation in cases.

- Drouin suggested the commission look up PURD regulations on Common Area and Open Space marking with recommendation to review and come to discuss in next meeting.
- Mellor noted that wood on floating bridge will need to be repaired, could be Scouts or Conservation Corps project. Further discussion in May meeting.
- Financial committee of Lefebvre, Desruisseaux, Mellor reviewed Conservation Fund financial vouchers and receipts to better allocate and plan out guidelines for current and future potential uses.
- Dickler moved to accept the Conservation Fund Guidelines for Potential Uses, seconded by Synnott. Commission voted in favor of the motion with all in favor.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE

- Rubendall moved to enter nonpublic session of per RSA 91-A:3, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission was polled with 7-0 in favor.

OFFICIAL NOTICES – n/a

Account Approvals & Updates – n/a

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26 - Earth Day Event at Cathedral of the Pines

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for April 14 2025

Rubendall moved to accept the minutes of April 14, 2025 as amended, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted 6-1 with Dodge abstaining, motion passed.

Mellor moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2025 nonpublic session as amended, seconded by Lefebvre. Commission voted with all in favor, motion passed.

Mellor moved to seal minutes of April 24, 2025 non-public session, second by Lefebvre. Commission voted with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Lefebvre moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rubendall. Commission voted 7-0, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned, 8:11pm

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2025

Schedule of 2025 Meetings: May 22, June 9 & 26, July 14 & 24, August 11 & 28, Sept. 8 & 25, Oct. 13 & 23, Nov.10, Dec. 8.

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Nardini