



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on May 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Drouin, Lefebvre, Mellor, Synnott, Rogers, Desruisseaux, Rubendall, Simeone, Dickler

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Earth Day at Cathedral of the Pines review – Drouin/Lefebvre
  - Well-attended (70-80) with good presentations and feedback despite the weather.
  - Slated for return event next year.
- Conservation Land & Related –
  - Workday review -
    - Scheduled for May 17, 8am with focus on Converse Meadow entryway. 2-3 people needed. Drouin, Mellor, Synnott will be available. Lefebvre will drop off tools.
    - Rubendall noted tree bent over Red Trail
    - Chipper was taken out of winter storage and sent for repair, should be done for Saturday.
  - Trail Stewards update – Rubendall
    - Vests were distributed. Trail Stewards documented 7 hours of work in April.
  - Converse Meadow – trees down
    - Will be covered in May workday.
  - County Road parking area – Drouin
    - Knight, Drouin and Mellor met for initial cleanup of parking site.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Phil Stenerson attended to discuss possible 6-lot subdivision on Rand Rd.
  - Commission decided against preliminary site review until formal plans developed.
- PURD regulation review
  - Commission to review PURD regulations on rindge.gov and discuss at next meeting.
- Map reordering – Lefebvre
  - Simeone moved to spend \$425 for reprint run of 500 maps, seconded by Desruisseaux. Commission voted 8-0 in favor and the motion passed.
- Trail Marker order – Lefebvre
  - Recommended to purchase additional yellow markers and red directional arrows. Lefebvre to call supplier for minimum quantities and cost estimate.
- Event Schedule review – Lefebvre
  - OK'd for website publishing
- Rules of Procedure – Drouin
  - Commission reviewed and noted areas that needed clarification and/or edits.
    - Article 3 highlighted for clarification of roles and duties.
- Account Status – Drouin
  - Updated *Conservation Fund and Guidelines for Potential Uses* distributed and discussed.
    - Drouin asked if document should be accompanied by spending procedure and/or outline of discretionary spending for members. Will draft a general agreement to be addressed at the next meeting.
  - Commission discussed flexibility in annually allocating percentages based on prior year's expenses.

- Conservation Easements – Lefebvre had received email from Monadnock Conservancy that indicated dates for walking conservation lands with easements.
  - Mellor suggested notifying Trail Stewards of schedule to observe.

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

Mellor moved to suspend regular session and move to Non-Public Session per **RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE** seconded by Lefebvre. Commission conducted a roll call and voted in favor of the motion, 8-0 and the motion passed.

- Commission moved to Non-Public Session.
- Commission returned to Public Session.
  - Mellor moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session, seconded by Simeone. Commission voted in favor of the motion 8-0 and the motion passed.

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

- Financial representative will attend next meeting
- Carol Fiske will attend next meeting with update on invasive species.

#### **ACCOUNT APPROVALS & UPDATES**

- Commission discussed update on Rindge Recreation and Conservation Comm funding balance, led by Synnott.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- n/a

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** for April 24, 2025

- Rubendall moved to approve the Regular Session minutes of meeting of April 24, 2025 with noted changes, seconded by Synnott Commission voted in favor of the motion with Desruisseaux, Rogers and Simone abstaining and the motion passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Mellor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rogers. Commission voted in favor of the motion, 8-0.
  - Meeting adjourned, 8:51pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 22, 2025

**Schedule of 2025 Meetings:** 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*