

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Minutes for Meeting on February 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

Roll Call attendance - Drouin Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards, Fred Rogers, Paul Mc Phie, Phil Simeone

Alternates Members present: William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Playscape – Richards reported that Lemon Brook Consultants is moving forward with a design and the Recreation Committee is moving forward with ideas for fund-raising and getting more residents involved.
- Snow Moon Hike, February 27 – Dickler reported that the hike story appeared in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript and on Facebook. A notice was also sent to Conservation Corps and Friends of Rindge Conservation. If rain causes a cancellation, Lefebvre will be notified and he will post a notice on the Town's website; Drouin will post a sign at the gate and Mellor indicated he would go to Tetreault at 7:00 in case anyone comes for the walk.
- Navian Planning Board Conditions Letter – Drouin reported that the Planning Director told him that the letter containing the Commission's concerns about the Navian Development was received after the 30 day appeal time and thus was not taken into consideration.
- Ford Family Nature Preserve parking lot pipes – Drouin indicated that his notice to the Board of Selectmen was received and that members of the Board had questions which are being reviewed.
- Future Meetings, Work Days & Activities Calendar– Lefebvre recommended that this discussion move to the next Commission meeting on March 8. Drouin suggested that the Commission first discuss the projects at each park need attention before putting dates on the calendar. Dickler mentioned that the Woman's Club will distribute trash bags on April 17 and will collect the trash on April 24.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Due to the lateness of the hour Lefebvre recommended that this be discussed at the March 8 meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Christopher Guida, Fieldstone Consultant for Placid Acres Subdivision off of NH Route 119 concerning proposed wetland crossings and permitting. Mr. Guida attended the Zoom meeting and explained how Navian Development plans to address wetlands crossing by using various types of culverts and passages. The Commission reviewed the crossings and had questions about them which Guida tried to answer. The Commission also raised questions about the planned intrusions into the 50 foot setbacks which Town regulations do not permit. Guida said he would bring the question back to Navian.. Navian plans to apply for variance approvals from the Board of Adjustment (BOA) and his presentation was to explain the planned crossings ahead of that application. The Commission will need to offer an opinion once a variance application is filed.
- BOA Variance Application Case #1160, Map 5 Lot 25, 16 Quimby Rd, James and Lisa Trautwein. Drouin reported that the BOA had approved the variance.

- Planning Board presentation – Dickler suggested that the Commission plan a presentation to the Planning Board about conservation and conservation regulations and how they affect planning, wildlife, quality of life and the Town's future. The presentation will be discussed at the next meeting on March 8.
- Salamander Crossings – Dickler and Chris Dipre of the Conservation Corps explained the salamander crossing program. The goal is to have people at known salamander crossings to help them safely cross to breed. Part of the project is to count the crossings and type as well as offer protection from autos along the road. The crossings take place in the evening after the snow has melted, when it is rainy/overcast and the ground is wet. A Zoom training session is scheduled to be held on March 18 at by the Harris Center; Dipre will send the links. The Commission discussed involving Conservation Corps members and their children. This will be discussed further at the March 8 meeting
- Richards mentioned prime wetlands to Van de Poll who indicated he needed more information about goals. This will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.
- Lefebvre presented invoices from Rick Van de Poll for work he performed:
  - o Preston motioned and Lefebvre seconded to approve payment of \$552.50 from the Conservation Fund to Van de Poll for wetlands research. The Commission voted and approved the motion.
  - o Preston motioned and Mellor seconded to approve payment of \$1381.25 from the Conservation Fund to Van de Poll for preparing grant applications related to Rindge Stone & Gravel. The Commission voted and approved the motion.

Simeone moved and Preston seconded to enter non-public. The Commission was polled and all agreed.

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

Mellor motioned and Simeone seconded to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting. The Commission agreed with the motion.

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### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Public Minutes, February 8, 2021

Simeone moved and Preston seconded to approve the Minutes February 8, 2021. The Commission, approved the motion. Dodge abstained.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None**

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES –**

- NH DES 2021-00327, Shoreland Impact Permit, Map14 Lot 24, 38 Paradise Island Rd, Lake Monomonac, Raymond Grenier, Trustee, Mary L. Grenier 2019 Trust. Not reviewed.
- NHDES 2021-00342, Map 8 Lot 35 1-2, Alexandre & Joana Silva, Bancroft Rd shoreland pond clearing. The Silvas have received a cease and desist order from the Board of Selectmen. NH DES will visit the site in the spring as will the RCC.
- NHDES 2020-02950, Map 2 Lot 44, Route 202 South, Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit, Tyler DeRuosi – previously reviewed.
- NHDES 2020-02164, Map 19 Lot 18, Shoreland Impact Permit, 10-12 Hudson Way, Scott/ Sonja Honkala. No review is needed by the Commission.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Postage \$1.00

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**NEXT MEETING:** March 8, 2021 (virtual via Zoom)

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**Schedule of 2021 Meetings** (note: Jan – Mar meetings will be virtual via Zoom): Mar. 25, Apr. 12 & 22, May 10 & 27, June 14 & 24, July 12 & 22, Aug. 9 & 26, Sept. 13 & 23, Oct. 11 & 28, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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

*Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm*

*Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*