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Minutes for the Meeting on August 27, 2020 at the Rindge Recreation/Community Center, Wellington Road

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Attendees: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers, Paul McPhie,
Alternates in Attendance: Rob Rubendall, William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, Doreen Richards

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Richards reported that she, Mellor and Rubendall had a meeting on the playscape but none of the Recreation Committee or Dan Bemis attended. The Pumpkin Organization of Rindge (POOR) has donated funds to the project and Dan Bemis will need to set-up an account for this and future donations. The POOR donation was temporarily placed in the Commission's RSG account and will be transferred to the Rec account once it is set-up.
- Farmer's Market Update – Dickler reported fair attendance at the market on August 20. Three dates remain to be staffed by the Commission: Sept. 3 (by Preston & Dickler), Sept. 17 (by Lefebvre & Preston) and Oct. 8 (TBD).
- Dredging & chemical treatment of plants on Contoocook Lake – This matter has been turned over to NHDES.
- Site review draft report of Navian Development at Map 4 Lot 23, Route 119 – Drouin reviewed the Commission's response/review of the Navian Development project and has forwarded it to the Planning Board for its meeting on Sept. 1.
- Converse Meadow walking/boat tour, update – McPhie reported there were 5 people attended this year's walking tour and Preston reported there was one person on the boat tour. All attendees indicated they enjoyed the tours.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre reported that grass needs to be cut at the Hunt Memorial Forest before the Sept. 20 tour. McPhie reported that a tree had fallen at the Hunt Forest and that he had cut it up.
- Alternate Appointment to full member - Drouin reported that Richards had sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting appointment to take the place of Desruisseaux.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning Board Application for Major Subdivision at 33 Middle Winchendon Rd, Map 2 Lot 49, Michael & Caitlin Aho for 4 lot subdivision in the Residential-Agricultural District. PB meeting postponed to Sept. 1, 2020. Drouin reviewed the application and Mr. Aho explained the subdivision. There were no issues with the subdivision for the Commission.

- Huntley Survey of Ford Wildlife Preserve of lot 19-1 – Drouin reported that he had asked Huntley Surveying Co. to survey and mark lines of the lot and other locations. Lefebvre motioned and McPhie seconded to spend up to \$350.00 for the survey and marking. The Commission approved the expenditure. Drouin questioned the right of an owner to move rocks to control flowage on the river as the Commission owns flowage rights.
- Mowing and seeding at Ford Wildlife Preserve – McPhie reported that he had purchased about 3 lbs of seed for use at the Preserve which he will spread after the first hard frost. Grass cutting will be needed and onsite curbing stones need to be moved to identify parking for guests. Preston suggested building bird houses for the property and may try to do so in the coming months.
- Planning Board PURD Subcommittee request – Dickler reported that the Planning Board's PURD sub-committee chair is interested in having a Conservation Commission member serve on the subcommittee. Drouin asked Dickler if she would serve and she agreed.
- NH ACC 50th Annual Meeting via Zoom – Saturday, November 7, 2020 (more information to come)
- Miriam Hunt Walking Tour – September 20 – Rogers is prepared to conduct this tour again this year.

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

Lefebvre motioned and Preston seconded to go into the non-public session. The Commission was polled and all approved.

Mellor motioned and McPhie seconded to seal the non-public Minutes.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: August 10, 2020

Mellor motioned and Preston seconded to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2020 and the Commission approved (Richards abstained) the motion but noting that the Commission's letter to the Planning Board for the Navian Development should be appended to the Minutes

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES 2020-02017, Shoreland Permit Application at Map 48 Lot 89, 132 Thayer Rd., Ladonna Weber. Drouin noted that the NH DES' indicated that the Commission contact the owner for the permit application plans if they have not been received but no contact information was provided and the owner lives in Michigan.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: August 27, Sept. 14 & 24, Sept. 20 – Miriam Hunt Walking Tour, Oct. 12 & 22, Nov. 9, December 14

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.