

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on June 25, 2020 Held at the Rindge Recreation/Community Center

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm.

Attendees: David Drouin, Joseph Desruisseaux, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone, William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers, Paul McPhie, Rob Rubendall

OLD BUSINESS

- Fundraising updates – Lefebvre reported that the Davis Conservation Foundation had donated \$20,000 for the purchase of Rindge Stone & Gravel and related expenses based on the application submitted by Deni Dickler. He reported that the Fields Pond Foundation was back in operation and that he had responded to their request for a fundraising update; they will be reviewing applications in the coming weeks. Lefebvre made a presentation on Zoom with the Rindge Women's Club who were favorably inclined to make a donation after another further presentation is made to its full body on July 2 at the Cathedral of the Pines. He mentioned the need for funds to purchase cardboard type stock for the presentation. A donation request has been sent to MilliporeSigma and an application will be made to the Roy Hunt foundation. Most all donation cards have been distributed and more might be printed if needed, with/without the matching opportunity. Commissioners were encouraged to distribute donation cards to friends and relatives.

Lefebvre reviewed the email received from the ARM fund concerning the Commission's pre-application. The email outlined the current status of their funds and items to include in the final application that is due on August 31. Mellor mentioned the need to meet with the owner of the RS&G property to discuss the mitigation projects and how he might be helpful to their completion.

- Grant Oversight Update – Desruisseaux – nothing new to report.
- Ford Wildlife Preserve Update - Drouin reviewed the possible purchase and use of posts instead of a fence to delineate property lines. He suggested the placement of posts every 20 feet with plantings between each one. Posts cost \$20 each so final cost would be about \$300. This project will be done at a later date. Mellor motioned and McPhie seconded to spend \$500 from Conservation Fund for post purchases. McPhie reported that Ford had received a tax bill for the whole property, most of which he had donated to Rindge. He had also received a tax bill for the small of land that is question however, the bill is addressed to him. Drouin will email the Town Administrator and Selectmen for clarification and resolution.
- Farmer's Market Update – Rogers & Preston – Dickler reported that Rogers and Preston had served at the latest Farmer's Market. The next date of the Commission is July 2.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
 - o Desruisseaux had walked at the Hunt Forest and found a dead deer. Mellor said he spoke with Jon Flagg about fixing the driveway who estimated the cost might be up to \$3000. The Commission will consider using crushed rock and will discuss this at a later meeting

- o McPhie reported that he had finished the loop trail at Contoocook Marsh. The Commission noted that the end point of this trail will now be known as Paul's Point.
- o Drouin reported that he had raked the entrance to Converse Meadow and that he had also noticed that the sign MacGregor March was missing.
- o Mellor indicated that he will work on the bridge/beaver dam at Converse Meadow. Beaver have made a dam under the walking bridge making it difficult to traverse and needs to be removed.
- o Drouin reported that someone had created a shooting range near/on Converse Meadow east of MacGregor Meadow and had placed unmarked "No Trespassing" signs on Town land. This needs to be researched a survey map.
- o Contoocook Marsh Clean-up had eight Commission members and one Corps members. The team cleaned a lot of brush from along the trail which was chipped using Dodge's chipping equipment. Chips were taken to Schoolhouse Park or future dispersal. Drouin reported the Mr. Sesia had a load of chips that can be taken for use at Schoolhouse.
- Contoocook Marsh Tour conducted by Dodge on July 21 had eight attendees.

NEW BUSINESS

- Playscape – Mellor reported that members of the P.O.O.R. group visited Tetreault Park on June 18. Although not many attended, Mellor and Rubendall reported that they were favorably impressed and were provided with an idea of cost for the project.
- Dredging & chemical treatment of plants on Contoocook Lake. Preston elaborated on the email he had received from CNBRLAC concerning an improper dredging and chemical treatment into Contoocook Lake by a Spruce Ave resident. Further information will be sought and appropriate action taken.
- Intent to Cut, Map 6 Lots 96 & 97, Middle Winchendon Rd, Ronnie Smith. Reviewed by Drouin.
- Rogers reported that based on Helene Rogers recommendation, it would be best to remove funds from the CD at TD Bank and place them into the Conservation Fund checking account as it provides a better return. Mellor motioned and Dodge seconded to approve the transaction and the Commission all approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: June 8, 2020

Simeone motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2020 with minor date change proposed by Lefebvre. All approved with Rubendall abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – Major Subdivision (30 Lots) at Map 4 Lot 110, 581 NH 119, Navian Development c/o Elias Parkkonen – Will be postponed to late July meeting. Drouin asked that it be placed on RCC agenda for July 13 and he will arrange for the Navian representatives to be present. Lefebvre will place the Navian documents in the RCC mailbox at the Town Office.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: July 11 – Converse Meadow Clean-up, July 19 – Tetreault Park Tour
Commission Meetings - July 13 & 23, August 10 & 27, Sept. 14 & 24, Oct. 12 & 22, Nov. 9, December 14

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre

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