

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on May 28, 2020

This meeting was on held online via Zoom.

Internet Meeting Questions – Richards & Drouin

Roll Call attendance conducted by Drouin

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call was taken and the following members were in attendance via Zoom: David Drouin, Joseph Desruisseaux, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone, Doreen Richards, William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, Al Lefebvre, Rob Rubendall, Fred Rogers, Paul McPhie

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape Update – Richards reported that she will have a Zoom meeting with Dan Bemis on June 1 along with Rubendall and Mellor to discuss local involvement in developing a plan for the playscape. Mellor mentioned that more trees need to be cut. Lefebvre mentioned doing selective cutting so some trees remain for shading. Issues of legal consideration for a playscape were raised and Drouin indicated it would come under the Town's liability insurance.
- Fundraising updates – Lefebvre reported that the RSG Conservation Fund has, so far, received a total of \$7350. The fund recently received \$2000 donations from the Rindge P.O.O.R. organization and from the GFA Credit Union. Lefebvre will send Thank You letters to all donors.

Lefebvre reported that he and Rick Van de Poll with preparation assistance from Dickler had completed the ARM Fund pre-application which had been previously emailed to the Commission. The Commission discussed the submission and offered suggestions for changes. The pre-application will be submitted on May 29. The ARM Fund will inform the Commission by mid-June if it can submit a full application which would be due by August 31.

Lefebvre motioned that the Commission accept the offer from Monadnock Conservancy to use the funds (\$10,000) that the Commission had sent in 2018 to support the Bearce easement for the future Rindge Stone & Gravel easement/stewardship costs associated with its purchase.

Preston seconded the motion. After discussion, the Commission was polled and all approved. Lefebvre reported that he and Dickler were working on other funding sources. He also indicated that heavy equipment was now being used at RSG to excavate gravel material as the owner had indicated he would at the December 9, 2019 Commission meeting.

An invoice for \$3065.00 was received from Rick Van de Poll for work related to RSG mitigation and ARM Fund pre-application assistance. Mellor motioned to approve the expenditure from the Conservation Fund. Desruisseaux seconded the motion. During the discussion the Commission requested information from Van de Poll about how much to expect in future costs associated with the final ARM Fund application. Lefebvre said he would contact Van de Poll for those projected costs. The Commission was polled and all approved the expenditure.

- Desruisseaux noted that the 2020 NH State Conservation Committee Conservation Moose Plate Grant was approved at the 5/20/2020 Governor and Executive Council meeting.
- Ford Property Update – Drouin reported that the Selectmen have given a summary of the deed information for the property to Town Counsel for a cost estimate to resolve property issues.
- Farmer's Market Update – Dickler reported that she had set-up a table with Lefebvre at Thursday's Farmer's Market and had received positive feedback from visitors. One person signed up for the Friends of Rindge Conservation and had purchased a hat while others indicated interest in purchasing Commission clothing. She recommended purchasing more clothing to have available at the market. The Commission requested that the Secretary purchase 6 other shirts in different colors and a green hat to have available at the market.
- Turtle Signs - Desruisseaux reported that missing signs on Robbins Road had been replaced by the Highway Department as requested.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Mellor reported he had visited Schoolhouse Park; Drouin had visited the Town Forest and had found soft wetlands that need to be addressed; McPhie had visited Contoocook Marsh.
Drouin reported that he and McPhie had worked at the Ford Wildlife Preserve to move rocks, brush and a stump and knocked down the old shed which they plan to remove on May 30.
- Trail Blazing at Contoocook Marsh – Mc Phie reported that he had walked to the loop trail and cleared some brush but it needs more work as well as markers which will be done on June 13.

NEW BUSINESS

- Robertson BOA Review of case no. 1125, Map 21 Lot 18– Drouin reported that he had written a letter of approval to the BOA and that this project had been approved.
- Lefebvre reviewed the conservation land tour schedule. Dodge will do Contoocook Marsh (6/21); Drouin and Richards will do Tetreault Park & Town Forest (7/19); Preston and McPhie will do Converse Meadow (8/16) and Rogers will do Hunt Memorial Forest (9/20). Schoolhouse Park tour on Oct 17, TBD.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: May 11, 2020

Mellor motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the May 11, 2019 Minutes. The Commission was polled and all approved.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES Notification #2020-00781 of Shoreland Permit Application at Map 34, Lot 19, Red Gate Lane by Andy Krook – Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NH DES Notification 2020-00967 of Shoreline Violation at 51 Kimball Rd., Map 9 Lots 8 & 10, Van Blarcom - Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NH DES Shoreland Permit Application, Map 19 Lot 3, 73 Colburn Lane/Lake Monomonac, John Sherwin - Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2020 via internet

2020 Schedule of Meetings: June 13 – Contoocook Marsh Trail Clean-up, June 21 – Contoocook Marsh Tour, June 25, July 13 & 23, August 10 & 27, Sept. 14 & 24, Oct. 12 & 22, Nov. 9, December

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

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