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Minutes for March 28, 2020

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Joseph Desruisseaux, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers,
Alternates in attendance: William Preston, Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall
Meeting convened at 9:00 am

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Drouin reported on the meeting (see draft Minutes of 3/21/20) on March 21 with Richards, Bemis and Mellor where the area for the playscape was identified. Richards will work with Rubendall and Bemis to meet with an architect from Lemon Brooke Architects of Groton MA.
- Earth Day 50th Anniversary in April 22, 2020; Climate Change and future presentations – Dickler reported that the event will be cancelled due to the coronavirus and will be rescheduled if possible. Dickler mentioned that Earth Day is April 22 and perhaps the Commission should team with the Women's Club efforts during the Town's clean-up day.
- Ford Survey Update – Lefebvre reported that he had contacted Huntley Survey & Design, surveyor for what is now the Ford Wildlife Preserve, and that surveying will likely begin the week of March 20. The surveyor has received the contract and down payment. Lefebvre told him that the updated deed was filed with the County offices a few weeks ago and that is the one that should be used which is the same one that Lefebvre attached to the email message. Lefebvre requested notification of when the survey would begin and that he would provide property disks to be placed around the property. Drouin indicated that the Commission needs to spend some time on the property and likely erecting a fence to denote entrance to the preserved.
- Fundraising updates – Lefebvre reported that he was having problems completing the ARM Fund application and had asked Rick Van De Poll for cost estimate to assist with the preparation of the ARM fund application (see below).
- Grant Oversight Update – Desruisseaux reported that Moose Plate documents had been signed and returned.
- Web meetings – Lefebvre reported that Richards and he were working on the possibility of future Commission meetings being held using the web and the Zoom application. NH has provided more guidance on what is required and this must be incorporated in any set-up. More information on this will follow on the procedures if details can be worked out.
- Since the clean-up at Miriam Hunt had to be cancelled today due to conditions, the Commission decided to hold it next Saturday, April 4. Lefebvre will post and email the Conservation Corps.

NEW BUSINESS

- Van de Poll ARM Fund application proposal - Lefebvre reported that Van De Poll indicated that he needed feedback on which restoration projects listed in his earlier report that the Commission would work on as this would be needed for the application. The Commission had concerns about identifying projects and what that would mean to application and future commitments. Lefebvre will contact Van de Poll for clarification and report back.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: March 10 & 21, 2019

Mellor motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2021. Desruisseaux asked for minor changes to the Grant Oversight section. The Commission agreed and approved the motion. (Rubendall abstained.)

Rubendall motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Minutes if March 21 and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre