

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting of March 9, 2020

Conservation Commission members present: Joseph Desruisseaux (Acting Chair), Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Richard Mellor

Alternates in attendance: Fred Dodge, Doreen Richards. William Preston, Deni Dickler

Meeting convened at 7:04 pm

Desruisseaux appointed Preston to replace Drouin who was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Richards reported that she and Dan Bemis had spoken with the Acton Children's Museum architect who said they would be willing to work with Rindge and provide ideas and costs. Richards said Rindge needs to decide which age group will be the focus of the playscape: pre-school, grade school, middle school and/or older adults. The architect will provide drawings for fund-raising and will cost about \$5000-6000 which includes a site review. The architect indicated a project manager will be needed and Bemis indicated he would handle that task. Richards will meet with Mellor to identify the specific area at Tetreault Park that can be utilized.
- Earth Day 50th Anniversary in April 22, 2020; Climate Change and future presentations – Dickler reported that Ingalls Library is putting on presentation/documentary film on pollinators on Earth Day which the Conservation Commission can cohost. The Commission indicated a willingness to co-host the presentation.
- March 4 BOS meeting for Ford deed approval and transfer – Desruisseaux reported that the Board of Selectmen accepted the deed transfer and assigned Sara Gravell to sign the deed. Mellor moved and Preston seconded to pay any additional funds needed that Ford paid for the deed transfer to the Town. Lefebvre asked McPhie to obtain a request from Ford for the \$225 reimbursement and he will process the payment.
- Ford property Survey – Lefebvre shared copies of bids he had received. Huntley Survey & Design submitted a quote for \$4200 while David Mann's bid was \$3500 – \$3750 plus expenses. The Commission discussed the bids and felt that having Huntley's lump sum payment provided a firmer cost while the Mann survey had other potential expenses that could not be controlled. Lefebvre motioned and Mellor seconded that the Commission accept the Huntley bid of \$4200 with an initial payment of \$2100. The Commission voted in favor of the motion.
- Fundraising updates - Lefebvre
 - o Progress to date – Lefebvre reported that he had requested a POOR Fund donation to help with the purchase of the Rindge Stone & Gravel property.
 - o Grant possibilities – Lefebvre reported that the annual DES meeting on funding grants would be held on April 8 in Concord. Lefebvre and Desruisseaux have already signed-up; Dickler will apply shortly to attend.
- Grant Oversight Update - Desruisseaux reported that he met with Sara Gravell who signed documents required for the Moose Head grant and had sent them to the Moose Plate Office in Durham.

- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre asked members to log any visits to conservation lands.
- Wildwood Camp Scholarships – Lefebvre reported that no applications had been received so far.
- ATV prohibited use at Converse Meadows – Lefebvre reported that the Commission had not yet received a return receipt for the letter sent to the violator. He also reported that the Conservancy had a new contact person for visits to lands with a Monadnock Conservancy easement: Alan Metzger.
- Dodge reported on the cost of double Adirondack benches made by the NH Penitentiary. The cost was \$395 but it could be less since Rindge is a municipality. Dodge will talk further with Mr. Russell, his contact, to firm-up the price.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rindge water capacity studies – Lefebvre reported that Selectman Hamilton had asked for any studies on the capacity of Rindge water and how many homes it can supply. Lefebvre provided the 2002 Water Resources Management Study prepared by Southwest Regional Planning Commission for the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Feb 27, 2020

Mellor moved and Preston seconded to accept Minutes of February 27, 2020 with minor changes. The Commission approved the motion with Richards and Dickler abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

- NH DES Variance Application with BOA and Application for Special Exception, M 4, Lot 33, Route 119, Kevin & Shelly Kinnunen for Cynthia Cooper – Site Review report. To be on March ZBA meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: April 13 & 23, May 11 & 28, June 8 & 25, July 13 & 23, August 10 & 27, Sept. 14 & 24, Oct. 12 & 22, Nov. 9, December 14

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

Adjourned at 8:30