

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting of February 10, 2020

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Joseph Desruisseaux, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Fred Rogers, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone

Alternates in attendance: Deni Dickler, Bill Preston, Fred Dodge

Meeting convened at 7:02 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Mellor reported that Richards is working with Dan Bemis for a meeting with a playscape designer.
- Earth Day 50th Anniversary in 2020; Dickler reported that Paul Kotila will make a presentation to the Town residents on Climate Change on April 18 presentation (10:00 am at the Rec Ctr). Lefebvre to notify NHACC and place an announcement on the Town website.
- Contoocook bench – Taylor Burke brought another bench already constructed and painted to the meeting for the Commission to place on one of the conservation lands. She may have another one for the commission. McPhie will hold the bench until ready to place outside.
- RCC 2020 Schedule of Meetings and workdays – Lefebvre reviewed the 2020 schedule of meetings, presentations and workdays; no changes were made by the Commission. Lefebvre will place the schedule on the Town website and will prepare notices to place at conservation lands announcing work days at each one.
- Ford deed – Drouin reviewed the draft deed that included a R-O-W access with the Commission. The proposed deed identifies land uses and future conveyances. Drouin, McPhie and Desruisseaux will arrange a meeting with Mr. Ford to finalize the transfer.
- Ford Property Survey – Lefebvre reported that Paquin would be unable to survey the Ford property but recommended two other surveyors: Cardinal Surveying & Land Planning and Huntley Survey & Design. Lefebvre emailed both firms but had heard only from Huntley for additional information. McPhie indicated he had the name of another surveyor and will forward the contact information. McPhie also indicated he would contact Mr. Ford to update him on Commission efforts to finalize the property transfer.
- Fundraising updates – Lefebvre reported that the subcommittee has developed print materials for residents and businesses/grant agencies. Dickler reviewed the draft materials with the Commission and how they will be utilized. The subcommittee recommended a mailing to residents requesting contributions with different contribution levels. It was suggested that the first ?? number (i.e. 100) of \$100 (or higher) donation would receive a Conservation hat. The Commission discussed this idea and the pros and cons of bulk vs first class mailing; this will be discussed at the next meeting when more cost information will be available. A possible donation deadline was also discussed. Dickler explained the larger print materials for businesses/grant agencies and how they will be used. A listing of Rindge and Jaffrey businesses was shared and each Commissioner was asked to return the list to the February 27 meeting with the name of any contact they might have with any of the listed businesses. The subcommittee will also obtain estimated costs for printing and stationery that might be needed. With Mellor, Lefebvre discussed the possible ARM fund application (deadline is May 29) and potential funding. The subcommittee is looking at other granting possibilities and will apply when and if

possible. Lefebvre noted summaries of the 2003 Converse Meadow donations that now exist on a spreadsheet and recommended that the old paper files be discarded; the Commission agreed.

- Grant Oversight Update – Desruisseaux reported that for LCHIP and other granting agencies the Commission needs to develop a Purchase and Sale Agreement. He distributed a copy of the one used with the Converse Meadow purchase and suggested that the Commission use it as a starting point. The Commission asked that he contact the Town's attorney to review it and make recommendations for one with Rindge Stone & Gravel. Lefebvre will contact the Rindge Stone & Gravel owner for a meeting to discuss a Purchase & Sale Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre shared a form to use to list visitations to conservation lands. The form was passed around for each Commissioner to list any visits. The form will be circulated at each meeting for updates.
- Wildwood Camp Scholarships – Lefebvre reported that he met with staff at Wildwood Camp. This year, Wildwood is offering up to \$2000 in camper scholarships to Rindge youth who apply. The funds can be distributed as the Commission sees fit. Various options were explored with Commission deciding to offer one full, overnight scholarship during Session 1 (June 21-27) or Session 5 (August 9-15) and three day camp scholarships. A youth would apply to the Commission by March 20 indicating why he/she would like to attend camp. The scholarships will be advertised in Town, in newspapers and on the Commission's website.
- ATV at Converse Meadow – Drouin discussed the illegal use of ATVs at Converse Meadow. An ATV driver had cut a trail from his home on Old new Ipswich Rd through the Converse Meadow conservation land. Drouin will compose a letter to the owner informing him that ATVs are not allowed on conservation land. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the easement holder, the Monadnock Conservancy.
- Intent to Cut – Map 1 Lot 11-8-1, Sunridge Rd, Kevin & Katherine McArthur. Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: January 23, 2019 – Simeone motioned and Rogers seconded to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2019 and all Commissioners approved.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

- NH DES 2020-00001, Map 17 Lot 20 Shoreland Impact Permit, 90Lachance Dr, Jane & Timothy Fluharty – reviewed by Drouin
- 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 – reviewed by RCC along with the Site Report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: Feb 27, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: March 9 & 26, 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