

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting of January 13, 2020

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

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

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Tetreault walk – Drouin reported that 19-20 people attended the moonlight (somewhat) walk at Tetreault and enjoyed themselves. Dickler reported that there was positive social media on the walk.
- Playscape – No update
- Earth Day 50th Anniversary in 2020; Climate Change and future presentations – Dickler reported that she continues to try to find people for presentations in the coming months; she will report back at next meeting. Drouin mentioned that since the Town has raised fees for computer related items that maybe the RCC should conduct another collection similar to what the Commission did in fall 2018. Richards will be asked about possibilities at next meeting.
- MLK Event – Jan 20, 5-6 pm – Lefebvre reported that Desruisseaux had put together two benches with wood from Taylor Burke and delivered them to his house. Lefebvre reported that he put three coats of paint on them (1 primer coat) and were ready for delivery to Converse Meadow. McPhie volunteered to pick them up and place them at Converse Meadow.
- Draft deed for Ford property – Drouin reported that he had received the draft deed from Main Street Title Services which he reviewed with the Commission. He will ask for changes and arrange for payment to the title company.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review of Public Hearing and vote to Purchase RS&G – Drouin reviewed the results of the public hearing on the Rindge Stone & Gravel property. He and other Commission members felt the presentation went extremely well.
- Future planning for RS&G property – Lefebvre explained that now that the Public Hearing is over, the Commission needs to work on two tracks: fund raising for the final 30% of needed funds and to follow-up on any tasks that must be performed for each of the granting agencies to insure all requirements (if any) as well as deadlines are met. He proposed two subcommittees:
 - o Fund raising subcommittee of Lefebvre, Dickler and McPhail (and others as needed). This committee will develop a fund raising plan and then reach out to potential donors. He noted that two donations have already been received (\$200) from interested citizens. He proposes that we focus on large donations/grants at this time and the upcoming ARM Fund application. A presentation based on the public hearing presentation will be developed and utilized as needed. Other members of the Commission may be called on to assist with a donor meeting depending on relationships with donors. Later,

donations from residents will be broadly sought to generate interest just prior to purchase. In this way, residents can be responsible for putting the Commission over the top for its goal. A number of possible donors were mentioned and he asked Commission members to send further suggestions to the subcommittee.

- o Grant tasks and deadlines subcommittee will be composed of Desruisseaux, Rubendall and Preston. This subcommittee will review current grant documents and identify deadlines and documents that might be needed. The subcommittee will contact granting agencies for any additional information.
- o Informational presentations will be made to the public as requested and as suggested by Commission members
- Cheshire County Conservation District Opportunity Fund – Mellor and Dickler explained this grant opportunity for residents
- Workshop on Designing trails NH F&G on April 7 – 7 pm. In Milford. Preston explained this workshop and thought it would be beneficial to Commission members
- Chamber newsletter deadline – Dickler requested article ideas for publication and may use opportunity to explain the Rindge Stone & Gravel potential purchase.
- RCC 2020 Schedule of Meetings and workdays - Lefebvre shared a draft of a master schedule for the Commission that included work days at different conservation areas as well as potential tour dates.
- Annual Report – Lefebvre provided a listing of Commission 2019 activities based on meeting Minutes to assist Drouin in preparing annual report.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE – Not held.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Jan 13, 2020 McPhie motioned and Rubendall seconded to approve all of the draft minutes. All approved with Rogers, Mellor and Desruisseaux abstaining. Dodge abstained from Jan 6 minutes.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

- NH DES # 2019-03573, Map 7 Lot 8, Wetlands permit by Notification, Isaac Traffie. DES found application incomplete due to incorrect fee submitted. Reviewed with Commission by Drouin.
- NH DES, Map 7 Lot 15, Wetlands Permit by Notification, Map 7 Lot 5, Beachview Drive, Crowcroft Pond, Kevin Maclean and Notification of Incomplete Permit by Notification Wetlands Permit Application. Reviewed with Commission by Drouin.
- NH DES, #2019-03699, Notification of Incomplete Permit Wetlands Permit Application, Map 6 Lot 1B-1, Lord Hill Rd., Jason & Nicole Paolino. Reviewed with Commission by Drouin.
- NH DES #2020-00001, Notification of Acceptance of Shoreland Permit Application, Map 17, Lot 20, 90 Lachance Drive, Jane & Timothy Fluharty. Reviewed with Commission by Drouin.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Jan 23, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: Feb. 10 & 27, 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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

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