



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Draft Minutes for Meeting of May 27, 2021

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate members present: William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

Other attendees/participants: Kurt Stenersen, Julie Unger, Shawn Seppala

### OLD BUSINESS

- Bird house occupancy status – Preston reported that 4 families of Tree swallows and one family of House wrens have taken residence in the bird houses that he built last fall at the Ford Family Wildlife preserve. The Commission asked if other conservation lands would be good sites for future bird houses and Preston suggested locations at the Town Forest and at Contoocook Marsh's Rogers Landing. Preston will develop a budget for the next Commission meeting for these sites.
- Trail map order – Lefebvre reported that he had received another printing of 250 trail maps which are now available in the file cabinet. The cost of the printing was \$140. Mellor motioned to spend \$140 from Conservation Fund for the maps and Simeone seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.
- Dickler mentioned the need for coverage at the Farmer's Market on June 3 however no one from the Commission was available for that date but may be for later dates.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
  - Converse Meadow – Lefebvre reported that the Monadnock Conservancy will walk the property with Paul McPhie on a mutually agreeable date in June.
  - Tetreault Park – Lefebvre reported the Commission had received a camping application from the Boy Scouts through Dan Bemis to camp at Tetreault Park for June 11-12. The Commission approved the application but wanted remind them they needed a fire permit from the Fire Department. They will be given a gate key for the weekend. Drouin will cut grass in the tent platform area before the camping trip.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Updating Conservation Lands on GRANIT – Dickler indicated that data will be updated by June 11 as expected.
- NH DES Shoreland Impact Permit 2021-00759, , Map 11 Lot 11, 7-13 Grassy Pond Rd., Andrew Crook. Reviewed by Drouin.
- Planning Board application for a Major Subdivision submitted by Higher Design, PLLC, on behalf of Kings Way, LLC, 29 Diane's Way, Rindge, NH 03461 for property located on NH Route 119, Tax Map 6 Lot 73 in the Residential-Agricultural and Gateway East Zoning Districts. The applicant is seeking approval for a 20 lot subdivision. Kurt Stenersen in behalf of the owner, Shawn Seppala, explained the proposed plan for the subdivision. He explained the proposed lots and how he viewed the plan's protection of wetlands. The Commission was concerned about the need for a 50 foot setback and the basal

area along the proposed roadway. There followed a discussion of the Wetlands Ordinance's Permitted and Restricted Uses. Due to long discussion and time constraints, the proposal was tabled to next Commission meeting on June 14.

- Planning Board application for Memorial School Parking, Map 7 Lot 11, School St. – Reviewed by the Commission.

### **Announcements**

Mellor reported that he and Lefebvre would visit 221 Bancroft Road (Map 8 Lot 35, 1-2) with the Town's Code Enforcement Office, Frank Volpe on May 28. They planned to review and explain the violations of the Town's Wetlands Ordinance and of the NH wetlands regulations with the owner, Alexandre Silva, as well as the actions that need to be taken resolve problems at the site.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Public and Non-public Minutes, May 10, 2021

Simeone motioned and Preston seconded to approve the public and non-public Minutes of May 10, 2021. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Dodge abstaining.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS** - None

### **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None

### **NEXT MEETING:** June 14, 2021

**Schedule of 2021 Meetings:** June 24, July 12 & 22, Aug. 9 & 26, Sept. 13 & 23, Oct. 11 & 28, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

*Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre.*