



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Minutes for August 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Rindge Town Office**

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre

Alternate members present: William Preston, Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall

Other attendees/participants: Judy Unger, Catherine Guy

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Fox Run easement monitoring update – Drouin reported that he, Mellor and Lefebvre walked the 25' easement of these properties along Contoocook (Map 10, Lots 12, 13, 14 & 15) River. Initially, the team met two owners who understood the easement requirements and walked along for part of the way. As they were leaving, the team met Mr. Gouette as he was driving home. Drouin attempted to explain the issues the team found at his property (#12) however, Mr. Gouette yelled and swore at the team and then drove away. The other lots were found to be in compliance with easement requirements. A letter will be sent to Mr. Gouette explaining how the easement requirements were not being met.
- Wetland Ordinance edits – Dickler indicated she needed more time to identify citations in the Master plan that need to be checked/confirmed.
- Kathleen's Place, Map 6, Lot 74 & 75 – The Commission reviewed plans for Kathleen's Place for a 13 unit development including some commercial units. The Commission had no issues with the plan however there were no landscaping plans available for review. A positive letter will be sent to the Planning Board and requesting the landscaping plan.
- Converse Meadow Walk/Paddle Tour, August 22, 1:30. Plans for this event were reviewed. Preston will lead the paddle tour while Rubendall and McPhie will lead the walking tour.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
  - Contoocook Marsh – trees growing in Roger's landing
  - Converse Meadow – per the visit by Monadnock Conservancy, Drouin with the Conservancy's agent will visit with an abutter who lives west of MacGregor Pond concerning issues that need to be addressed. Rubendall reported that he had cleaned the granite benches at Converse.
  - Schoolhouse Park – Drouin reported that eight people assisted with needed tree removal at the park on August 7.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- NH Geological Survey – Michael Prentice of NH DES made a presentation on a survey he was going to conduct of the surficial geology of the Winchendon 7.5 mile quadrangle and surrounding areas. The Commission was interested in the survey and made suggestions concerning the area of his focus. The survey will begin in the coming weeks and will be shared with the Commission.
- Centennial Ash Benches – Lefebvre reported that there were some substantial boards of 2 or more inches in thickness and various lengths that are available from Franklin Pierce that could

be used for benches at conservation lands. Once obtained, they will need to be finished to a level where they can be placed outside.

- Intent to Cut -Map 11 Lots 1-8, 1-6, 1-5, 129 Bean Hill Rd (access from Woodbound Rd.), Randy Burt – Reviewed by Drouin
- Intent to Cut -Map 7 Lots 84-2, and Lot 78-2, Route 119 James Dow - Reviewed by Drouin and comments about wetlands protection were added to the form to be returned to the applicant through the Town Administrator.

## **NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE**

### **Announcements**

American chestnut tree presentation – August 12, 6:00 pm at Shieling Forest. Reviewed by Lefebvre.

NHACC/UNH September BioBlitz - Reviewed by Lefebvre.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes, July 22, 2021 – Dickler motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Minutes. Commission members approved the motion.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**OFFICIAL NOTICES** - None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** August 26, 2021

**Schedule of 2021 Meetings:** Sept. 13 & 23, Oct. 11 & 28, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre.