



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on December 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

CC Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone, Fred Rogers, Al Lefebvre

Alternate Members present: William Preston, Rob Rubendall, Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler

Other Attendees: Elyse Rogers, Jed Paquin

OLD BUSINESS

- Wetland Ordinance/Planning Board Subcommittee update – Mellor reported that the Planning Board does not believe there is sufficient time to develop and propose a warrant article with appropriate changes to the Wetlands Ordinance. The board is still looking for a resident who is not on a town committee/commission to provide input for the development of a proposal. The subcommittee will next meet in January.
- Workdays at Rogers Landing and Ford Family Wildlife Preserve Update – Drouin reported that eight people assisted on November 13. Invasive plants and brush were removed from the Ford Family wildlife preserve. He was very grateful for the assistance of the volunteers.
- Aspen Environmental Consultants shoreland restoration of VanDyke Property on Goddard Rd – Mellor indicated that he had sent an email to Jamie Van Dyke outlining the need for more variety in his proposed plantings. Van Dyke indicated he would contact his Aspen Environmental Consultants but Mellor has not received any further response.
- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – The Commission reviewed the Planning Board's approval for the subdivision of Rindge Stone & Gravel but noted that more work needs to be done on the parking area, the related wetlands and the proposed culvert; no work should begin on these until they are discussed more fully and a viable plan is developed. Letters have been sent to major donors outlining the status of the purchase of the subdivision.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Drouin reported that four-wheelers had been on the Town Forest near Tetreault Park. The drivers had damaged the entrance area from the rails-to-trail. The Commission may need to put up additional signage about the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the property and/or erect stronger blockages near the trail entrances.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elyse Rogers Winchendon School Project. Elyse Rogers explained her project with other students as part of their schoolwork at the Winchendon School. The students need to complete their environmental project by April. The suggested project is for a pollinator area on one of the conservation areas. The Commission suggested the creation of a 150' X 75' plot at the Town Forest and the team of students would develop a plan for various pollinators including the proposed layout and costs including possible fund-raising events.
- Little Miller's River Dam Review – Drouin reported that Mellor, Dickler and he reviewed the dam and flooding caused by beavers on another person's property that was flooding Mr. Janco's property and preventing him from accessing his land. The commission proposed solutions and Mr. Janco was grateful for the time and suggestions.
- Wetlands Inventory Report – Mellor reported that he had received some information from Rick Van de Poll and is making progress on the report.
- Minor Lot Subdivision, 561 Middle Winchendon Rd., Map 2 Lot 52-1-2, Paquin Land Surveying for Steven J Norby Rev. Trust. Jed Paquin represented the owner and explained the planned

subdivision. The Commission reviewed the survey plan and how it impacted wetlands. The Commission suggested that the owner apply for a variance for the wetlands and frontage.

- Woodbound Trails – Dec 14 – Rubendall explained that that representatives from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire (SPNHF) planned to walk the trails that connect Annette State Forest and Woodbound Inn and would welcome commission and Rindge participants in the walk.
- Stearns-Lamont Forest logging will take place in the

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

- NH DES 2021-xxxx, Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit, Map 1 Lot 11, 417 North Fullam Hill Rd, Damon Upper Reservoir, John Hunt. The Commission reviewed the plan for dam improvements.
- Franklin Pierce Groundwater Discharge Permit. The Commission reviewed the permit for the proposed discharge plan.
- NH DES 2020-00967 Land Resources Mgmt Program Closed , 51 Kimball Rd, Jon & Gretchen Hill. The Commission reviewed the DES notice.
- NH DES 2021-03523, Map 11 Lot 33, Incomplete Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification incomplete, NH DNCR
- NH DES 2021-03523, Map 11 Lot 33, Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification incomplete, NH DNCR. The Commission reviewed both of these DES notices for logging at Annett State Park..
- NH DES 2021-03597, Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification, Map 6 Lot 34-2 & 34-3, Society for Protection of NH Forests c/o Wendy Weisner. The Commission reviewed the DES notice for logging the Stearns-Lamont Forest by the SPNHF.

Announcements

- Mellor noted that the Recreation Committee received funds from the Impact Fees fund and has used the funds to purchase some of the activity equipment needed for the Playscape at Tetreault Park.
- Lefebvre reviewed invoices from Ecosystem Management Consultants for \$3312.50 for continued work on Rindge wetlands and for \$743.75 for the Rindge Stone & Gravel purchase. Someone motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the expenditure. The Commission voted and approved the expenditures from the Conservation Fund.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for November 8, 2021

Preston motioned and Simeone seconded to approve the Minutes. Commission members approved the motion.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings Jan. 10 & 27, Feb. 14 & 24, Mar. 14 & (24 or 31), April 11 & 28, May 9 & 26, June 13 & (23 or 30), July 11 & 28, August 8 & 25, Sept. 12 & (22 or 29), October 10 & 27, Nov 14, Dec. 12

BOA Meetings: Last Tuesday of each month?

PB Meetings: First Tuesday of each month?

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre