



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes for Meeting on January 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

- Wetland Ordinance/Planning Board Subcommittee update – Mellor indicated that there was nothing new to report and is awaiting the Planning Board for a future meeting.
- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – Van de Poll attended the meeting by Zoom. He discussed easement issues and items that will be addressed in the coming months in order to finalize the land purchase. Drouin indicated that the RCC needs specifics about the parking area in relation to the wetlands and the crossing which might need to go before the Board of Adjustment for a variance. Van de Poll indicated that the closing should take place in April and he needs to inform LCHIP, Moose Plate and the Drinking Water Ground Water offices of this projected timeline. Van de Poll and the Monadnock Conservancy will walk the property in the next few weeks to view the property monuments. The invoice the Commission received from New England Forestry belongs to Pitt Pipeline and Van de Poll will have New England Forestry forward it to them. The wording of the conservation easement will be shared with the Commission for input.
Lefebvre mentioned the approval of the Land Trust Alliance's Land Trust Standards and Practices is needed for LCHIP and made a motion to accept it however, it was withdrawn so it could be revised at the next meeting and limited to the RCC's responsibilities.
Van de Poll mentioned that a new name for the property is needed. The Commission discussed how best to proceed and decided to open it to the public for suggestions. Facebook, emails and news announcements will be used to gather suggestions by February 24. The Commission will decide on a name by March 24. Dickler and Lefebvre will work together on common message for announcing the naming process.
- Wetlands Inventory Report – Mellor/Van de Poll. Van de Poll reported that is 40% completed with this work and expects to have a report by the end of February.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Contoocook Marsh – Rogers Landing – Lefebvre reported that someone had been camping at Rogers Landing and had left various items there. He posted a notice at the site 10 days ago that camping is not allowed and that the gear should be removed. Dodge volunteered to collect the material that has not been collected by the camper.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – Richards reported that someone had cut tree along the trail to widen it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Contact for Harris Center – A new RCC contact is needed and Rubendall volunteered.
- Schedule for 2022
 - Salamander Brigade – March 15, Dickler reported that training will be available and that information will be put on the RCC website and shared with the public. Richards will obtain the training specifics.
 - Bird Count Feb. 18-21 – Dickler discussed the upcoming bird count and will prepare a news notice.

- Presentations – The Commission is open to having presentations in the coming year and Mellor suggested a presenter on bird counts, has the name of a presenter and will see if she is available
- Farmer's Market – The Commission decided to participate in this once a month.
- Conservation Tours -The Commission agreed to hold these again this year and members were asked to submit the date and tour they wished to conduct.
- Work at new conservation lands will be planned when and as needed.
- Future RCC Meeting Schedule – the meeting schedule was reviewed and the Commission decided to keep the current schedule of the second Monday and fourth Thursday of each month with other meetings as necessary.
- Shoreland Permit Application, Navian Development, Map 4 Lot 23- This application is being reviewed by the Commission.
- Paul McPhie – Paul's loss was discussed by the Commission. Donations in his name are being received into the Conservation Fund and an appropriate way to recognize his service will be planned.

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

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

- NH DES 211213-177 Alteration of Terrain Application, Map 2 Lot 44, DTS Tire, Tyler Deruosi – Reviewed by the Commission.
- NH DES 2021-03250 Expedited Minimum Impact Project Purpose Application, Map 35, Lot 11, 8 Sandy Shores Rd., D & J Sheeran, LLC - Reviewed by the Commission.
- NH DES 2021-03039, Shoreland Permit Application Denied, Map 19 Lot 26, 34 Cliffwell Dr., Larada LLC - Reviewed by the Commission.
- NH DES 2021-03772 Reported Alleged Violation, Map 25, Lot 11, 16 Fieldstone Ln, Douglas Gutteridge - Reviewed by the Commission.
- NH DES 2021-03767 Complete Seasonal Dock Notification, Map 40 Lot 23, 144 Kimball Rd, Sidney Thayer - Reviewed by the Commission. Map and Lot needs to be clarified.
- NH DES DSP18-029 Letter of Deficiency (Dam), Elizabeth Bruno, Hampshire Country School. It was not clear as to which dam is deficient.

Announcements

- Lefebvre reported that the Town is implementing a new accounting system and processing may be delayed due to it as well as preparation of the FY 2022 budget.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for December 13, 2021

Rubendall motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes. Commission members approved the motion

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE:

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings Jan. 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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre