



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on January 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – The Commission reviewed the chart of the proposed parking area/driveway and reiterated the need to have the area clearly identified and while maintaining the required distance from wetlands. The driveway permit needs to be obtained from the Town. Drouin will contact Van de Poll to obtain a draft of the conservation easement and the status of the Baseline Documentation report for the Commission's review. Drouin also mentioned the LCHIP/Grant Fund Disbursement Request form that Van de Poll completed and sent to Pitt Pipeline's attorney to establish an escrow account. All arrangements and documents need to be completed by early April or the project may lose some funding that it has received.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – Drouin indicated that relatives of Paul McPhie would like to place a bench and possibly a few trees at the Ford Family Wildlife Preserve in Paul's memory/name.
 - Converse Meadow – Richards discussed the Rec Committee's request to use a snowmobile with dragger to smooth snow at Converse Meadow for cross-country skiing. The Commission approved the request.
 - Tetreault Park – The Commission discussed the proposed parking area and plans to request bids for the work that would also include some areas of the proposed natural Playscape as well as ditching for conduit to the cabin. Richards mentioned that some of the playscape equipment has been ordered.
 - Schoolhouse Park – Drouin mentioned that he has plowed the parking area and Mellow mentioned that he has seen cars in the parking area.
 - The Library has received a grant for pollinator seeds and the Commission can request some for planting at different conservation areas.
- Schedule for 2022
 - Salamander Brigade – March 15
 - Bird Count Feb. 18-21 Dickler will provide a summary sheet of information to be placed on the website.
 - Presentations – The Commission will arrange for a presentation on birds in April

NEW BUSINESS

- Chamber of Commerce Newsletter – Dickler will prepare a story about birds for the next issue of the newsletter.
- Land Trust Standards and Practices Adoption – Lefebvre presented the adoption motion that includes only those standards that pertain to the Commission. The Commission will review this at the next meeting.
- RS&G Naming Criteria proposal – Lefebvre shared this proposal that he and Dickler prepared. This will guide will be used for renaming of the RS&G property that the Commission will purchase. A new name is needed for granting agencies..

- Application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Huntley Survey & Design PLLC on behalf of Emily Sasner, 44 Candlelight Road, Rindge, NH 03461 for property located at 44 Candlelight Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 16 in the Residential- Agricultural Zoning District. The applicant is seeking approval for a two lot subdivision. The Commission reviewed the survey document (dated 2021 only) that the owners provided and found no issues with the plan/proposal.
- NHDES 2022-00043 Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application at NH Route 119, Map 4 Lot 23. Mellor will discuss with NH DES to obtain more information.
- NHDES 2022-00071 Shoreland Permit Application on Pine Eden Rd, Map 41 Lot 16. NH DES requested more information.

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

Announcements – Mellor mentioned that the Cheshire County Conservation Commission will hold regular Zoom meetings and members will be invited to attend.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for January 10, 2022

Rubendall motioned and Preston seconded to approve the Minutes of Jan. 10, 2022. Commission members approved the motion

NEXT MEETING: February 14, 2022

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre