



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on February 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

Alternate Members present: Rob Rubendall, Deni Dickler

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – Drouin discussed the need for monuments demarking property corners at the RS&G property especially along Perry Road. He and Mellor had walked the area and found it lacking the required monuments. He also reported that an area at the western “fork” on the property along Perry Road was decently level and open sufficient for a future 2-3 cars parking area. Also, the Commission might want to place a kiosk at the location. Lefebvre distributed an invoice for signatures for Van de Poll’s December – February consulting work.
- Bird presentation – Mellor reported that he had spoken with Pam Hunt at NH Audubon about a presentation on birds for Rindge residents. NH Audubon charges \$250 plus mileage. The Commission agreed to proceed with a presentation on Thursday evening, April 21. Mellor will confirm the date details with Hunt.
- Salamander training – Dickler and Richards reported that there is a sign-up for the training on the internet. We’ll participate in a low-key manner just letting people know if they’re interested.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
  - Contoocook Marsh – Simeone reported that he walked the trail and found that a tree had fallen across the trail leading to the bridge near the kiosk. The Commission will work on that when weather improves.
  - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – brush pile at the preserve needs to be burned when possible.
  - Tetreault Park – driveway and playscape bid status. Richards reported that she, Rubendall and Mellor had a phone meeting with Dan Bemis of the Recreation Committee. The Rec Committee had received \$5000 from Linda & John Hunt for the playscape project which will help facilitate the work. Drouin reported he had drafted a letter to send to contractors for an RFP for work on the parking area at Tetreault and for the playscape.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Chamber of Commerce Newsletter – Dickler reported an article has been submitted to the Chamber for its next edition
- Navian Development, Map 4 Lot 23, Route 119. Plan submittals for Overall Site, Wetland Permit (3), General Construction Details (2), Erosion Control Details. The Planning Board had these plans since January and the Commission is just now receiving them. There was no cover letter with the plans that outlines exactly what they are for. They will be reviewed by the Commission.
- Land Trust Standards and Practices Adoption – Rubendall reported on his review of the Land Trust’s Standards and Practices document and the proposed acceptance of parts as they apply to Rindge and the Commission. He will draft a conflict of interest section for the Commission’s Rules and Procedures. Rubendall motioned and Mellor seconded that the Standards and Practices as they apply to Rindge be accepted. The Commission voted and approved the motion.
- RSG Naming Suggestions/List – Lefebvre prepare a list of names submitted for renaming of the Rindge Stone & Gravel property. The Commission reviewed them and wanted more time to review and re-search the list and develop other suggestions. A decision on a name is needed at the March 14 meeting for inclusion on grant documents.

- Commission recruitment – Lefebvre and Dickler outlined a need for additional Alternate members to provide for the Commission's future activity. Lefebvre sent an email to Corps members for possible volunteers and Dickler suggested placing a notice on Facebook.
- McPhie Memorial – the Commission will discuss a fitting commemorative to McPhie at a later meeting.
- Drouin expressed concern that the Commission has not received any reports of the income from the Current Use Change tax and requested that Lefebvre try to learn the status of reports and income.

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICES –**

**Announcements** – Lefebvre announced that pollinator seeds will be available from Ingalls Memorial Library. Drouin asked Lefebvre to follow-up to obtain some seeds for planting in April (26<sup>th</sup>).

Mellor reported that the next NH District Conservation meeting via Zoom will be held on March 1 at 7:00 pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for February 14, 2022

Rogers motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Minutes of Feb. 14, 2022. Commission members approved the motion. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Simeone, Rubendall, Richards and Lefebvre abstaining.

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

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

- NHDES Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application 2021-03628 – previously discussed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#### **NEXT MEETING:** March 14, 2022

**Schedule of 2022 Meetings** 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 9:05 pm.*

*Minutes recorded by AI Lefebvre*