



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on March 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards, Phil Simeone, Fred Rogers
Alternate Members present: Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall

OLD BUSINESS

- RS&G Naming Suggestions/List – Lefebvre distributed a list of 20 names that had been submitted to the Commission. The Commission wanted a name that was meaningful now and would be meaningful in the future, had an historic or conservation connection to the land, and was unique. The Commission deliberated, reviewed and discussed each submission. After much discussion, the Commission voted and on a name to be announced publicly at a later date.
- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update
 - Monadnock Conservancy Easement - Drouin focused the Commission on the proposed easement from the Monadnock Conservancy for the property. Various issues were discussed such as a second parking area/access on Perry Road and motorized vehicles on the conservation land. The Commission's preference for these and other issues will be conveyed to Rick Van de Poll for discussion with the Monadnock Conservancy.
 - MS-1 Report. Lefebvre/Mellor – explained the problem mis-statement in the Town's Report that listed an incorrect percentage of current use fines that should be deposited into the Conservation Fund. By Town Warrant many years ago, the Town decided that 100% of current use fines should be go into the Conservation Fund while the 2021 Town Report listed 50% on the MS-1 Report to NH DRA. Lefebvre and Mellor met with the Town's part-time assessor who indicated he did not know how the percentage was changed but would research it and prepare an amended MS-1 to the State.
 - Moose Plate – Lefebvre/Mellor reported that the Moose Plate contribution to the purchase of Rindge Stone & Gravel has not yet been provided to the Town and will be handled at the time of purchase.
 - Donor Acceptance – Lefebvre and Mellor reported that the Commission needs to set-up a public hearing through the Selectmen for the acceptance of funds over \$10,000 for the purchase of Rindge Stone & Gravel. Drouin will contact the Town Administrator to arrange the public hearing.
- RCC Ethics Statement – tabled for next meeting
- Bird presentation – Mellor reported that he had posted a notice for presentation options but had not heard any feedback. After discussing the options, the Commission decided to have a bird presentation by a staff member of NH Audubon that will cost about \$300. Mellor motioned and Simeone seconded to expend up to \$300 for the presentation. The presentation will take place on April 28 and Lefebvre will learn if the Rec Center is available.
- Salamander training – Richards indicated that March 15 is the target date for salamander crossings.
- Pollinator Seeds & Planting – Lefebvre reported that Donna Straitiff did not know when the pollinator seeds would arrive but would let the Commission know. She would like to have Library seed plantings occur with the Commission. The Commission would like plantings at Rogers Landing and the Ford Family wildlife Preserve.

- Commission recruitment – Dickler reported she had prepared a Facebook page to recruit residents to serve on the Commission as Alternates.
- McPhie Memorial & American chestnut trees – Drouin reported that he had discussed the possibility of additional American chestnut tree plantings for the memorial but the contact at the American Chestnut Tree Foundation said that the ones we had already planted would die in 5-6 years and therefore no more would be distributed. Another strain is in test but would not be available for 1-2 years. Dickler suggested inquiring if it would be possible to have some of the new strain for part of the *beta* test. Drouin will look inquire further.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Contoocook Marsh
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve
 - Converse Meadow – some trees have fallen in the area after the kiosk and need to be cut
 - Tetreault Park – *driveway and playscape bid status* – Drouin five contractors have indicated an interest in the project and Lefebvre will send them a packet of information later in the week. Arrangements will be made for site visits.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bioblitz with Library – Lefebvre reported the Ingalls Memorial Library would like to hold a Bioblitz with the Commission. The Commission needs more information about what would be involved; Lefebvre will meet with the Librarian to obtain additional information.

OFFICIAL NOTICES – Non-Public Minutes HB160 – The Town Administrator notified the Commission and all Town departments that HB 120 requires that if a non-public meeting is to be held, the Town's Administrative Assistant needs to be notified who will maintain a spreadsheet of such meetings and notify the Town Clerk.

Announcements

"My Garden of a Thousand Bees" April 21 (3:30-5:00 pm or 6:30-8:00 pm at Meeting House). This movie is being run for the town by the Town Library. It is being held on the same night that the Commission's presentation on birds was to be held and, as a result, the Commission will reschedule its presentation to April 28 and hold its meeting on the same evening.

Troop 308 camping rescheduled to April 9-10 weekend.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for February 24, 2022

Simeone motioned and Richards seconded to approve the Minutes of Feb. 24, 2022. Commission members approved the motion.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES 2022-00071, Shoreland Permit Application, Map 41 Lot 16, Pine Eden Rd, James/Linda Valade – Reviewed by the Commission
- NH DES 2022-00043 Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands application. Request for more information, Map 4 Lot 23, NH Route 119, Fieldstone Land Consultants, PLLC. Reviewed by the Commission

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings: 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 9:10 pm. *Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*