



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on April 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate Members present: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

Other Attendee: Laurel Cameron, Jim Cameron, Judy Unger-Clark

OLD BUSINESS

- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – Drouin reviewed the April 13 meeting and public hearing with the Board of Selectmen. The Town needs to accept any grant or donation over \$10,000. The Commission reviewed the list of grants and donations that will be explained at the meeting.
- Bird presentation – Mellor/Dickler – Dickler explained the plan for announcing the Audubon bird presentation on April 28 at the Recreation Center. Her plan included newspaper articles, flyers and emails as well as notices to various different conservation and civic groups.
- Playscape update – Drouin explained the proposed electrical plan outline for the park with information he had received from Eversource. He also explained that he had arranged with Phil Stenersen to dig the needed test pits which were done over the last weekend and forwarded to contractors interested in the work at Tetreault. The cost for the test pits \$300 (less than other quotes). Richards motioned and Mellor seconded to spend up to \$300 for digging the test pits. The Commission voted and approved the motion.

Richards explained funding grants that were available which will be explained to Selectmen when she, the Recreation Committee and the Energy Commission seek approve to apply for donations and grants. One proposed grant will be a joint application with the Town Energy Commission to include new lights for the field and tennis courts at Wellington Field and for the playscape at Tetreault Park. The lights will replace old lights at Wellington Field for new energy efficient ones.

- Pollinator Seeds & Planting – Lefebvre reported that pollinator seeds have not yet arrived at the library but are in the mail. In the meantime, the Commission will hold a workday on Saturday, April 16 (8:30am) at the Town Forest and the Ford Family Wildlife Preserve to prepare the ground for pollinator plantings. Plantings by Winchendon School students at the Town Forest will occur on April 26. Mellor mentioned that he has some pollinator seeds available.
- Commission recruitment – Laurel Cameron has volunteered to be an Alternate on the Commission and will send an application letter to the Board of Selectmen. Dickler will continue her recruitment efforts.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Contoocook Marsh – Simeone mentioned that brush from the area known as Paul's Point needs to be removed. Dodge suggested moving the brush closer to the rails-to-trails where he can shred it. The abandoned camping material and trash is still at Rogers Landing and needs to be removed.
 - Converse Meadow – Brooks Rogers reported he had cut a tree that was on the trail.
 - Schoolhouse Park – Mellor mentioned that a few trees need to be cut.
 - Town Forest – Richards reported she had obtained the needed culvert for use at the Town Forest. The cost was \$272.16 The Commission voted and approved the expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS

- Subdivision ADU application at Map 7 Lot 96-3, ZBA Case 1185, Converseville Rd, Eric Seppala. The Commission reviewed the application and found no problem but the applicant needs to be aware not to build within the high water mark to keep in conformance with the Wetlands Ordinance.
- Election of Officers – postponed to next meeting
- Intent to Cut, Map 2 Lots 46 & 54, Middle Winchendon Rd, Tim Halliday – reviewed by the Commission.
- Intent to Cut, Map 6 Lots 34-2 & 3, Middle Winchendon Rd., W.Weisiger, Forest Society of NH – reviewed by the Commission
- Route 202 excavation – Mellor explained that this had been discussed at a Selectmen's meeting and the Code enforcement officer had been notified of the clearing that was not adhering to the Wetlands Ordinance.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES 2019-02768, Restoration Plan Approval, Map 3 lot 43, Goddard Rd, Kathleen & Jamison Van Dyke – NH DES indicated that the Jamison restoration plan needed the Conservation Commission's approval. The Commission did not agree with the current plan as it did not return the area to what it was before trees were improperly removed. The Jamisons have been notified. The proposed Jamison planting was to include blueberry bushes and trees that were not similar to what was on the original site. The owners seemed more concerned with the grass that they had planted.

Announcements/Reminders

"My Garden of a Thousand Bees" April 21

Earth Day, April 22

Troop 308 camping rescheduled to April 9-10 weekend.

Camp Wildwood has 2 camperships this year for children in the 6-11 age bracket. Announcement of the camperships will be made shortly.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for March 24, 2022

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

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings: 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 8:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre