



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on May 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Phil Simeone, Rob Rubendall

Alternate Members present: Deni Dickler

Other Attendees: Del Friedman, Kirk Stenersen, Kelen Geiger, Robyn Payson, Emily Payson, Matt Olson for Traven Development

OLD BUSINESS

- Rindge Stone & Gravel Update – Lefebvre reported that there were several time “bumps” or deadlines that got in the way of the purchase of the land including finalizing documents for the major state donors by the dates required. Some documents required last minute work that was handicapped with lawyer availability/communications and town office staff availability. In the end, all the required paperwork was submitted to the agencies involved however, the papers to the Governor’s Council will be submitted to that agency in June while the others met the May submission date. The deed was finalized on May 26 and will be filed with the Cheshire County Registry of deeds. (Note: at the time these minutes were written on May 28, the deed had in fact, been registered on May 27). Drouin and Lefebvre thanked everyone for the efforts on this substantial project that started several years before. Lefebvre suggested that in the future a project of this size, application and monitoring of application deadlines be divided among different members with a different member handling a separate agency.
- Playscape update – Drouin reported that he had received two “ball park” estimates of \$35,000 and \$15,000 for the costs of the parking area and playscape work that was much higher than expected. Contractors are having difficulty keeping up with their projects with limited staff. The Recreation Committee is meeting next week and Mellor, Rubendall and Richards will attend to let them know what has been learned. Since the costs, at present, are higher than expected, it was suggested that work on the project be delayed a year in the hope that prices come down and contractors have more staff flexibility.
- Pollinator status – Fred Rogers indicated in an email that he will meet with Donna Straitiff, Ingalls Memorial Librarian to schedule a date for additional pollinator seeding at the Town Forest.
- Recruitment – Dickler indicated she is contacting some Conservation Corps members to see if they might be willing to serve as Alternates on the Commission.
- Decals – Dickler reported on the price for a decal to be sent to Rindge Stone & Gravel donors as a Thank you for their support and donation. The Commission provided input and she will recontact the vendor for design work and costs.
- Farmers Market – Dickler indicated that one more person is needed to staff the Commission’s table at the June 2 Farmer’s Market.
- Tetreault Tour – June 19 – Drouin will lead the tour starting at 1:30. Dickler will send out news notices/invitation.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Trash at illegal camping at Contoocook Marsh needs to be removed. The Commission will remove the trash on June 11 starting at 8:30.
 - Ford Wildlife Preserve – Family bench dedicated to Paul McPhie has been installed at the Preserve; large railroad ties are needed to delineate parking area.
 - Rubendall reported there is a large brush pile at Converse Meadow that needs to be handled.

NEW BUSINESS

- George Chadwick Bedford Design Consultants for Initial Discussion for Map 6 Lot 16-1 Thomas Road/Route 202. Kirk Stenersen presented the project on Thomas Road in the Gateway District for Bedford Design for 6 residential and 2 commercial units. Due to State restrictions, the developer needs to put in a road that affects wetlands. The Commission indicated that the developer file for a variance due to the proposed road is an incursion to wetlands. But the Commission did not believe that a variance, once approved, would pose no significant problems for construction for the project to proceed.
- Robyn Payson – Property issues on Converseville Rd.- Ms. Payson share a map from NH Granit that indicated part of her property at Map 7 Lot 97 belonged to the Converse Meadow Conservation area. The Commission reviewed its maps of Converse Meadow and agreed that the State had incorrectly assigned her land to Converse Meadow. Ms. Payson thanked the Commission and will contact NH Granit to correct the problems.
- Wetlands Ordinance Review Report/Discussion – Mellor presented issues relating to proposed changes to the Town's Wetlands Ordinance. The issues were discussed at some length with the own's Planning Director, Kirk Stenersen. Lefebvre requested clarity and details from Stenersen on each of proposed changes so they can be more properly discussed at a future meeting. Kelen Geiger who is a member of the Planning Board's subcommittee on the wetlands policy felt that the current process is working well.
- Plans for Annett State Park – Rubendall reported that the State plans to clean-up the logged areas but no reforestation is planned. The State could use some assistance in trail clean-
- Election of Officers - postponed to next meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- ZBA Case 1187, Map 7 Lot 96-1, Converseville Rd., Accessory Dwelling Unit, Trent & Tessa Monahan The Commission reviewed the application.
- Application for Major /site Plan, Map 10 Lot 29-1-1, 26 US Route 202, Patriot Holdings for expansion of the existing storage facility. The Commission reviewed the application and had no problems with it.
- NH DES 2022-01400, Notice of Alleged Violation, Map 1 Lot 17, 47 Military Road, Amos Emery. Complaint of trees and stumps removed and a drainage ditch dug to a wetland area without proper permit. Reviewed by the Commission.

Announcements/Reminders - None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for May 9, 2022

Postponed to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings: June 13 & 23, July 11 & 28, August 8 & 25, Sept. 12 & 22, October 10 & 27, Nov 14, Dec. 12

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre