



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on June 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:01 pm

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

Alternate Members present: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

Other Attendees: Sidney Thayer, Mary Ellen Pellerin, Kelen Geiger, Chris Ratcliffe

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape update – Richards reported that since the Town will now allow the Playscape/Energy team to apply for federal funds, it will need to try to raise the substantial funds needed for the playscape. While some funds have already allowed for the purchase of a few pieces of equipment, much more is needed for grading and final playscape equipment. Drouin reported that he has not received any more estimates for the parking area or for playscape grading.
- Pollinator status – Rogers reported he had talked with Donna Straitiff about sowing more pollinator type seeds and she had given him more seeds which will be spread at the Town Forest in the all.
- Mattabesek Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre

Grant requirements

Moose Plate – Rogers reviewed this grant and requirements that have been completed. The Commission needs to provide a project photograph with the Moose Plate sign displayed with the application for payment. There are questions about the Stewardship Endowment which will be handled when Anne McBride returns from a sabbatical in the fall. A final report needs to be filed by April 2023.

LCHIP – Dickler reviewed this grant and the various obligations which have been met. The Commission needs to complete a property management plan and since the deed was processed, she assumes that all required closing documents were submitted. Lefebvre indicated he is trying to get the baseline documentation report (BDR) initialed by the Selectmen. While it was signed by them for the deed, they forgot to initial each page of the report. Attorney Kinyon indicated in an email to Anne McBride that he was working on this issue and Lefebvre sent him an email requesting its status. Dickler raised questions about concerns about some of the LCHIP shapefiles and their current status. Lefebvre indicated he had them from when they were sent to LCHIP with the initial application in 2019 which Van de Poll used for the current application. The Commission discussed file storage of its grant and other documents; the issue will be place on the Commission's next meeting agenda.

DWGWTF – Drouin reviewed this grant and it appears the Commission has met all of the requirements although there is a question about possible work along the Eversource ROW which was budgeted. The Commission will need to file a form to receive payment from the grant.

- Decals – Dickler is still trying to find the original design work for the Commission's insignia to use for the decals.
- Farmers Market – Dickler reported that the staffing for the Commission's table on July 7 with her and Lefebvre.
- Tetreault Tour – Drouin reported that about 14 people attended the tour that took attendees around the property while explaining plants and pollinators. He also found that addition trail marking is needed.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Drouin reported that he had mowed various conservation areas. There is a fencepost that is leaning at the entrance to Converse Meadows.

NEW BUSINESS

- ZBA No. 1190 Map 39 Lot 17, 144 Kimball Rd., Sydney Thayer. Mr. Thayer was present and explained his proposed plan. He will need to file for a variance due to the encroachment on wetlands. Drouin will draft a letter to the Board of Adjustment and will note that the deck should never be enclosed.
- Consideration of App for Technical Subdivision, Map 2 Lots 46 & 54, Middle Winchendon Rd., Jed Paquin on behalf of Tim Halliday. The Commission reviewed the documents especially with regards to wetlands and found no problems with the application.

Announcements/Reminders

Farmer's Market- July 7 –

Converse Meadow Paddle/Hike – July 24

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for June 13, 2022

Rogers motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2022. Commission members approved the motion with Richards and Dodge abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2022

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre