



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on July 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:02 pm

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

Alternates present: Deni Dickler

OLD BUSINESS

- Recruitment – Commission discussed the need to recruit additional members as Alternates.
- Mattabesec Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre
 - Moose Plate – after completing some last minutes forms, the RCC was notified that the funds will be dispersed.
 - DWGWTF – Lefebvre was notified that the Governor's Council has approved the award. The award now goes to the NH Attorney General to review the easement.
 - Parking area – Campers from Wildwood Camp assisted Lefebvre and Mellor in moving brush cut by Mellor on the trail leading from the future parking area to a larger trail that traverses Mattabesec. The Commission is very grateful for the Wildwood assistance. The Commission now needs to chip the brush and notify Jay Pittorino that he can proceed as soon as possible with creating the actual parking area.
- Decals – Dickler reported the decals have been ordered. They will be sent to donors in appreciation for their support. Drouin will draft a letter; Lefebvre will prepare labels for the mailing. Once the parking area at Mattabesec has been completed and a kiosk built, an open house will be held.
- Tetreault Playscape – Mellor reported that he had placed stakes where the walk will be created around the playscape area and a sign was put-up announcing to the public of its future development.
- Farmer's Market – Dickler reported that the next market will be on August 4 with Dodge assisting or Lefebvre if Dodge is unable to attend.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre reported that a maple tree is fallen at an angle along the old 202 trail on the Contoocook Marsh Conservation area and needs to be cut down. The Commission members will chip trees removed by Wildwood campers and remove the long tree at the parking area entrance on August 6.

NEW BUSINESS

- Canoe Donation – Dickler shared pictures and dimensions of the canoe that is being donated by an anonymous donor in the name of the Rindge Women's Club. Mellor will contact the Rec Commission of possible use. Canoe is a 14' Radisson, is 20 years old and has a trailer.
- Commission file storage – The Commission reviewed and discussed major categories of file from Rogers, Richards and Lefebvre. The category list was reduced to six and will be further discussed at the next meeting. These categories will be used for Commission related files members currently have on their own computers. They will be used to move these files to the Town's Cloud once arrangements have been made.
- Chamber Newsletter for August 8 (covers Sept-Nov) – Dickler requested suggestions for the next issue and it was suggested that composting be included as in the articles.
- Converse Meadow Walk/Paddle Update – Dickler reported that two people took the paddle tour under the guidance of Laurel Cameron and enjoyed it very much especially since they had not been there before. Two other people attended the walking tour under the guidance of Jim Cameron and they too enjoyed it especially since they too had not been to Converse Meadow before.

- BSC Group/Transmission Line Painting – Mellor reported that BSC will use Commission trails carefully; no heavy equipment and will inform the Commission when it will start the work.
- Budget Status as of June 30, 2022 – Drouin reviewed the current status of the Commission's town budget and while over in some accounts, it is under in others. Lefebvre reviewed the Conservation Fund which still has some invoices to be processed. Donations when collected were put into a separate subaccount of the Fund and now needs to be transferred to the primary Conservation Fund to reimburse it for funds spent to purchase the Mattabeseck Wildlife Corridor property in May.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES 2022-01635, Shoreland Permit Application Permit, Map 19 Lot 7, 49 Colburn Lane, Nancy/Ron Lourens. The owner sent the same notice by certified mail but contained no actual plans for the property so the Commission was unable to review the plan.
- NH DES Received Shoreland Permit Application 2022-01770, Map 11 Lot 41, Old New Ipswich Rd., Mass Audubon Society, Wildwood Camp – Previously by the Commission on 7/11/2022. The plans were reviewed for this project and the Commission found it compliance with the wetlands Ordinance. It was suggested that a culvert be placed where the new parking area will be created.

Announcements/Reminders

Farmer's Market – August 4.

Cheshire County Conservation Commissions potluck dinner on Sept 14.

NHACC MEETING – Nov.5, 2022

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for July 11, 2022

Mellor motioned and Rogers seconded to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2022. Dickler abstained.

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2022

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

Tour Schedule: August 21 – Schoolhouse Park, Sept. 25 – Miriam Hunt, October 16 -Contoocook Marsh

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre