



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes Meeting on September 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

Alternate members present: Deni Dickler

OLD BUSINESS

- Mattabesec Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre reported that once Fred Dodge's chipper is repaired the chipping at the parking area can be completed. Jay Pittorino has begun some work at the entry way. LCHIP has delivered a large sign (24" x 36") that will be placed at the eventual kiosk. The Commission voted to expend up to \$1000 for lumber and lexan for the proposed kiosk.
- Merrimac Conservation Partnership proposal – Dickler reported on her effort to apply for a small grant from the Merrimac Conservation Partnership to redo old signs at the Contoocook Marsh complex and trails. RCC might need to contribute about \$1000 for the sign while the Merrimac Conservation Partnership will contribute the rest if a grant is awarded. Mellor motioned and Lefebvre seconded to approve expending \$1000 from the Conservation Fund if a grant is awarded.
- Farmer's Market – Dickler indicated that few people are attending Farmers Market. The RCC will participate in one more market in October and a decision will be made on future participation.
- Update on files for Cloud – Del Friedman has collected information on some file sizes and more will be collected.
- Wetlands Ordinance Meeting Update – Mellor reported that the Planning Board had not had sufficient time to review the Commission's suggested changes. The Planning Board will meet on September 24th (sp)* to review proposed changes to update the Wetlands Ordinance.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre reported that he is still working to get a rock placed over an old well at Schoolhouse Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- Variance Application, Map 33 Lot 2 Bradford St., Gerald Vaillancourt. The RCC reviewed this application and found no environmental issues.
- Special Exception App, Map 9 Lot 13-3, 25 Bemis Tavern Rd., Reuben Goddard. The RCC reviewed this application and found no environmental issues.
- Commercial links on RCC website – Lefebvre explained that the RCC had received a request to place a link on the Commission's Town website but the site was a commercial site. The Commission decided as a matter of policy that no commercial or political links will be placed on the site even though the one that was received was a very informative about natural playscapes and was well designed.
- The Commission has sent a request to the Board of Selectmen to accept the donation of a canoe for resident usage through the Recreation Committee.

Announcements/Reminders

Fred Rogers explained that the Franklin Pierce Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication will have an observation of Constitution Day on Monday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. with Readings in Democracy and journalist Anthony Payton of The Common Ground Initiative about *When You Lose the Right to Vote*. at 11:00 and at 1:00 – 3:00 pm Civic Engagement Fair. While the RCC could have a table at the Civic Engagement Fair, no one was available to participate due to prior commitments.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for August 25, 2022

Mellor motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2022. Rubendall, Simeone and Mellor abstained.

NEXT MEETING: September 22, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings: October 10 & 27, Nov 14, Dec. 12

Tour Schedule: Sept. 25 – Miriam Hunt, October 16 -Contoocook Marsh

**Note: the actual date of the meeting was September 20.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes recoded by Al Lefebvre