

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on November 9, 2020 at the Rindge Recreation/Community Center, Wellington Road

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards, Paul McPhie, Phil Simeone

Alternates Members present: William Preston, Deni Dickler (via Zoom)

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Richards and Mellor reported the quote from Higher Design for a topographic survey of the proposed playscape at Tetreault Park. Richards reported that Den Bemis approved the expenditure and Mellor will contact Kirk Stenerson to proceed with the work.
- Update on PURD Subcommittee – Dickler reported that the subcommittee is working through questions that they developed and especially if land declared to be Open Space is conservation land. Clarification of the issued will be sought from the Attorney General's Office and/or other appropriate State officials.
- NHACC annual meeting, update – Lefebvre and Mellor reported on the NHACC Zoom meetings held on Nov. 7. While informative and helpful, in-person meetings would have been more productive. The meeting on water/wetlands mapping was very involved and needs more time.
- Future Meetings & Activities – discussion for this was postponed to the December meeting except that the Commission would hold a moonlight walk on February 27 at Tetreault Park.
- Trees for Common – Drouin shared a listing of potential trees for the Common which the Commission will purchase (from the Conservation Fund). The Town will plant the trees in the spring. The trees selected were: flowering dogwood, American hornbeam and ironwood.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - o Contoocook Marsh – Simeone walked the area and noticed the tree and area McPhie had cut along the trail.
 - o Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – Preston reported that the bird houses he built had been put up.
 - o Miriam Hunt Forest – McPhie reported he had marked trails.
 - o Tetreault Park – Richards reported that a tree was leaning near the cabin.

NEW BUSINESS

- BOA Application for Special Exception to Wetlands Ordinance, DTS Tire Wetland Crossing – Map 2 Lot 44, Route 202 – Mellor led the discussion as Drouin recused himself. Paul Grazewicz of Graz Engineering presented the application for DTS Tire and explained the wetlands/road crossing and culvert that was planned at the site along Route 202. After discussion of the issues, Simeone motioned and McPhie seconded to approve the crossing only but reserved further approval for any structures and associated areas pending further applications. Members approved the motion (Dickler abstained). A letter will be sent to the BOA explaining the Commission's vote and opinion.

- 2021 Budget Planning – Drouin reminded the Commission of the Nov. 18 budget review meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.
- Intent to Cut , Map 11 Lot 37-1-1, Shaw Hill Rd., Patricia Vargas – reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.
- Clerical Duties – Drouin reviewed possible ways to handle the Clerk's medical absence in January/February timeframe and further discussion will take place at the December Commission meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE

Simeone motioned and Preston seconded to go into the non-public session. The Commission was polled and all approved

Simeone motioned and Preston seconded to leave the Non-Public meeting. The Commission was polled and all agreed.

Mellor motioned and Simeone seconded to seal these Non-Public Minutes. The Commission voted to approve the motion.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: October 22, 2020 Public and Non-Public Minutes – Preston motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Oct. 22 minutes and all approved with McPhie and Simeone abstaining. The Non-Public Minutes were approved with a minor change.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

NH DES Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-01949, Map 14 Lot 45, 38 LaChance Dr., James Fletcher. Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-02080, Map 3 Lot 23, Wellington Rd. - Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

NH DES Shoreland Permit Application 2020-02537, Map 22 Lot 19, 162 Swan Point Rd., Marvin/Thelma Zelen Trust - Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

NH DES Notice of Acceptance of Shoreland Permit Application, Map 47 Lot 4, 44 Monadnock Rd., Natalie & Richard Wheeler - Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-02508 Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit, Map 3 Lot 72-19 & 20, 19 & 20 Manea Dr., Aho Construction, LLC - Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-025443 . Shoreland Impact Permit, Map 17 Lot 17, 104 LaChance Dr., Seppala Construction Co. - Drouin reviewed the permit with the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Conservation Fund Balance not discussed but shared.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2020 (virtual via Zoom)

Schedule of 2021 Meetings (*note: Jan – Mar meetings will be virtual via Zoom*): Jan. 11 & 28, Feb. 8 & 25, Mar. 8 & 25, Apr. 12 & 22, May 10 & 27, June 14 & 24, July 12 & 22, Aug. 9 & 26, Sept. 13 & 23, Oct. 11 & 28, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

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