



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on October 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate members present: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, Del Friedman

Others in attendance: Kelen Geiger

OLD BUSINESS

- Mattabeseck Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre
 - No news from DWGW about the deed has been received.
 - Opening – Lefebvre recommended a “soft” opening for Mattabeseck once the parking lot is completed and a kiosk is erected due to the many details that need to be completed for a formal, grand opening. Dates for the latter will be considered at the first meeting in January when the Commission develops its 2023 schedule.
 - Signage – various sign options were discussed. It was suggested to obtain prices for non-metallic composite material for donor and other signs. A draft kiosk layout of signage was reviewed and suggestions about it were provided by Commission member. Some of the signs considered include a property map, donor signs, etc.
- Wetlands Ordinance meeting Update – Drouin and Mellor reported that they met with the Planning Board about proposed changes including suggestions from the Commission. It was a cooperative meeting.
- Canoe Delivery Update – Drouin, Rubendall, Mellor reported they have obtained the donated canoe and have registered it. There will be a discussion with the Recreation Committee about how to make it available to the public.
- Miriam Hunt Tour Update – Rogers reported that about eight people attended the walk and it went very well. It was suggested that benches be placed near the wetlands and along the upper trail. Trail clearing is needed along the upper trail.
- Cloud file Storage – Friedman reported that he’s received only a few file listings.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - Well at Schoolhouse Park is now covered through efforts of Jim & Lisa Trautwein (with tractor), Brooks Rogers and Lefebvre.
 - Dodge will cut the tree across the trail along old 202 at Contoocook Marsh.
 - It was suggested that another request be made for bids for the natural playscape at Tetreault Park since issues might have changed since the spring.. Drouin and Lefebvre will work on obtaining more bids.

NEW BUSINESS

- ZBA Case 1197 Request for Special Exception, Map 45 Lots 107 & 108, 5 Spruce Ave, Roger Lafarier. No action by the Commission was needed as no wetlands were affected.
- ZBA Case 1198 Appeal from Administrative Decision for a Variance in Residential/Agricultural District, Map 2 Lot 3-1-1, 58 Homestead Lane, William Hillis. No action by the Commission is needed.
- Notice of the two weeks drawdown of the Upper Damon Reservoir on October 15, 2022, in accordance with RSA 482:13, RSA 211:11 and Env-WT 526.05(b & d), John Hunt. The Commission reviewed the notice.

- NH DES Evaluation on Reclassification of Hazard Potential: Island Pond, D203010 & Mill Pond, D203011 Dams, Hampshire Country School. The Commission reviewed the notice.
- NH DES Shoreland Permit Application, Map 45 Lot 19, 116 Loop Road, William A Brown. Other than the notice, no other information was provided.
- Renewal of NH Association of Conservation Commissions membership. The Commission approved this annual expense. Members thought the information and assistance the NHACC provided was well worth the expense.
- Support donation to Cheshire County Conservation District. The donation to the CCCD Commission was not supported.

Announcements/Reminders

NHACC Annual Conference Nov.5 at Pembroke Academy, Early Bird registration by Oct 22 is \$60. Commission members were encouraged to attend as the sessions offered during the conference usually provide very helpful information.

Contoocook Marsh Tour, October 16, 1:30 pm

Lefebvre and Dickler reported they had made a presentation to the Women's Club on October 6. It was well received and the Commission received a donation from the club.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for September 22, 2022

Rubendall motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of Sept. 22, 2022. The Commission approved the minutes; Simeone, Richards and Friedman abstained.

NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2022

October 16 -Contoocook Marsh Tour

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

And any other business that comes before the Commission.