



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on October 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

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

Others in attendance: Kim Mc Cummings

OLD BUSINESS

- Mattabeseck Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre reported that the DWGW Fund has approved the revised deed for Mattabeseck. He also reported that Jay Pittorino has worked on the parking lot, making it ready for traffic. Lefebvre shared drafts of appreciation signage cost estimates for Mattabeseck. Mellor motioned and Dodge seconded to expend up to \$1500 from the Conservation fund or from grant funds for the various signs. The Commission voted and approved the motion. Simeone and Lefebvre have reviewed grant application files and identified old ones that can be discarded.
- Cloud file Storage - Friedman reported that he is available to receive file listings and sizes for possible Cloud storage.
- Contoocook Tour Update – Dodge, Dickler. Dodge reported that over 50 people attended the tour and meeting with Franklin Pierce Professor Robert Goodby who explained the excavations he has been conducting to find evidence of indigenous people living in the Rogers Landing area thousands of years ago. Tours of Rogers Landing and the Loop of the Contoocook Conservation area were conducted by Commission members. He said that people were grateful for the tour and the information they had learned.
- Tetreault Park & Natural Playscape work – Drouin reported that he is still seeking bids for the parking area and the playscape. Bids were sought in the spring but he received only a few because contractors were short on staff and already had many jobs lined-up for the year. Drouin plans to contact Jay Pittorino to find out if he might be interested in bidding for the job.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Dodge reported that he had cut the leaning trees on the old Route 202 in the Contoocook Conservation Complex. Drouin reported that he had cut grass and brush at the Ford Family Wildlife Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chamber of Commerce Article topic due Nov 8 – Dickler inquired if there were any topics the Commission could suggest for the Commerce's next edition. Winter animals and bird feeding topics were suggested.
- Full Moon walk - Dickler discussed a possible full moon walk that has been popular in the past and mentioned that a full moon will not be available during the usual January-February timeframe. A moon lit walk in December at Converse Meadow was suggested when the moon will be bright but not full. The Commission will proceed with a possible Dec. 10 walk and will discuss at the next meeting, guides who will be needed to help.
- Merrimack Partnership Grant – Dickler reported that Rindge was awarded a \$1520 grant from the Merrimack Partnership to improve/replace signage at the Contoocook Marsh Conservation area provided that the Commission supply matching funds. Mellor motioned and Lefebvre seconded to expend up to \$1100 for the project. The Commission discussed the motion and mentioned that more and better signage would improve other conservation areas. The Commission will look at all signage in the coming year. The Commission approved the motion.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES Shoreland Impact Permit No. 2022-02774, Map 45 Lot 19, 116 Loop Rd., William A Brown. This permit was previously discussed by the Commission at an earlier meeting.
- NH DES 2022-00743 Land Resources Management Enforcement Notice, Map 6 Lot 99-6-2, Rte 202, Algav LLC, c/o Ezra Ketola. The Commission reviewed this notice.
- NH DES Wetlands Permit-by-Notification 2022-2688?, Map 22 Lot 4, 4 Rocky Rd (Lake Monomonac area), Peter Lemay. The Commission reviewed this notice.

Announcements/Reminders

NHACC Annual Conference Nov.5 at Pembroke Academy, Registration is \$70

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for October 10, 2022

Simeone motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of Oct 10, 2022. The Commission approved the minutes.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2022

Schedule of 2022 Meetings: Dec. 12

And any other business that comes before the Commission.