



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Mattabesec Wildlife Corridor Update – Drouin reported that holes for the kiosk were dug on Nov. 25 and the 4' X 6' kiosk was installed on Nov. 26 with the help of Rubendall, Dodge, Lefebvre, Drouin and Corps member Keith Bibby.
- Monadnock Conservancy Boundary Walk – Rubendall & Friedman walked some of the Mattabesec boundaries with Alex Metzger of the Monadnock Conservancy. They noticed some infringement on the property and will discuss them with abutting property owners.
- Full Moon walk, Dec. 10 at Converse Meadow- Drouin reported that it was a beautiful night for the walk with fifteen people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the experience.
- NHACC Annual Conference – Rubendall reported that he found the conference very informative. He attended three workshops which he found very helpful to his work on the commission.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Drouin reported that he found a tree down by the kiosk at Converse Meadow that needs attention as well as some tree trimming. Rubendall reported that the switchback at along the rails-to-trail entry into the Town Forest has completely deteriorated; he also suggested trails at Tetreault and the Town Forest need more directional arrows. Drouin indicated he is still working on bids for the work at the Playscape.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rails-to-Trails presentation, Chairman of the Monadnock Regional Rail Trail Collaboration (MRRTC), Mike Kowalczyk made a presentation on the work of the snowmobile organizations in central and southern NH. Robert Meissner of the same group assisted.
- Wetlands Ordinance update – Drouin reported that the public hearing on the updated wetlands regulations was held on Dec. 6. The Planning Board voted to proceed with placing the revised Ordinance on the Town Warrant. Lefebvre motioned and Mellor seconded to have the Commission recommend approval of the revised ordinance. The Commission voted 6-0-1 in support of the new Ordinance.
- USGS Well Water survey – Mellor recommended that members complete the online survey about wells.
- POOR Meat Raffle for February 4 – Lefebvre reminded members that the Commission is committed to assisting with the raffle on February 4. At least 8 people are needed on Feb.8. The Commission will receive \$400 for its participation.
- Review of response to Major Subdivision for PURD at Map 2 Lot 1, Dale Farm Rd., Timothy Halliday. Drouin reported that he had prepared and provided a response to the Planning Board for the proposed subdivision. He had prepared the response because the issue was before the Planning board on Dev. 6 which was before the Commission's December meeting
- Review of response to Major Site Plan at Map 2 Lot 41-2, Rand Rd. Select Concrete Pumping. Drouin reported that he had prepared and provided a response to the Planning Board for the proposed plan. He had prepared the response because the issue was before the Planning board on Dev. 6 which was before the Commission's December meeting.

- Mellor motioned and Rubendall seconded to expend \$1450 from the Conservation fund for Wetlands Ordinance legal review approved; the Commission approved the expenditure.
- Drouin reported that tires and lights are needed for the canoe trailer with an expected cost of about \$150.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

NH DES 2022-01400- No conclusive evidence of a violation at 47 Old Military Road, Map 1 Lot 17.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for November 14, 2022

Simeone motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of Nov. 14, 2022. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Mellor and Dodge abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: January 9,, 2023

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: Jan. 26, Feb. 13 & 23, Mar. 13 & 23, April 10 & 27, May 8 & 25, June 12 & 22, July 10 & 27, Aug. 14 & 24, Sept. 11 & 28, Oct. 9 & 26, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre.