



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on January 9, 2023

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate members present: Fred Dodge

OLD BUSINESS

- Mattabesec Wildlife Corridor Update – Lefebvre reported that Rick Van de Poll had visited with him on January 6 to view the progress on the parking area created by Jay Pittorino of Rindge Stone & Gravel. He wanted the Commission to know that he was impressed with what has been accomplished including the new kiosk. The drainage was placed just the way it had been designed and was working accordingly.
Drouin noted the stone/gravel placed in front of the kiosk by Rindge Stone & Gravel which leveled the area. He also noted the plowing that Rindge Stone & Gravel had done in the new parking area after the last storm of heavy snow.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Rubendall reported that he had visited Converse Meadow to see how the heavy snow had affected trails after being bent over and found that all the trees had popped back into position as a result of the melting. He also walked to the tenting area which had no snow damage and agreed that moving the bridge up the trail would make it easier for walkers.
- Wetlands report – Richards asked about the status of the wetlands report and will contact Van de Poll for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- POOR Meat Raffle for February 4 sign-up – Lefebvre reported that the Commission is committed to this meat raffle. Eight volunteers are needed from 1:00 to 5:00 pm; two able-bodied volunteers are needed early to move meat from the freezer; 2 to validate tickets and 4 to wear ticket belts. All volunteers need to stay at the raffle to the end. So far, the following have volunteered: Drouin, Richards, Rubendall, Linda & Fred Dodge, Lefebvre. Lefebvre will contact the Conservation Corps for additional volunteers.
- Review of response to Minor Site Plan at Map 4 Lot 38, 233 NH Route 119, John Melekov. Drouin reviewed with the Commission this site plan.
- Discussion of RCC 2023 projects or RCC 2023 schedule. The Commission reviewed the needs of each conservation area and will be discussed at the next meeting. The summary will be reviewed at the next meeting and work on a proposed schedule of 2023 activities.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES 2022-01779, Complaint if Violations, Map 36 Lot 9, 1125 NH Route 119, Downey Family Trust. Reviewed by the Commission; no action needed.
- NH DES 2022-03298, Shoreland Permit Application and Permit, Map 18 Lot 10, 20-22 Lapham Lane, Jeffrey Eisenberg. Reviewed by the Commission; no action needed.

Announcements/Reminders

Lefebvre explained this last invoice for legal services for the deed to MWC (\$2772.50) due to changes required by the Drinking/Ground Water Trust Fund from Bradley & Faulkner. While the Commission previously approved legal fees in spring 2022 needed for the Mattabesec purchase but Simeone motioned and Richards seconded to confirm payment of these fees from the Conservation Fund. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for December 12, 2022

Simeone motioned and Dodge seconded to approve the Minutes of Dec 12, 2022. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Rogers and Richards abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre.

Rindge Conservation Commission
Proposed Work Projects for 2023

- Converse Meadow – Move bridge about fifty feet further up and along trail to camping site.
- Tetreault Park
 - Improve trail marking especially at trail intersections
 - Consider possible bridge in wetland area
- Schoolhouse Park
 - Build and place two benches at key visitor locations.
- Hunt Town Forest
 - Build and place two benches at key visitor locations.
 - Improve trail that goes to top of hill from along right side of main trail
 - Perform more trailblazing
- Ford Wildlife Preserve
 - Install property posts near pond's edge to clearly identify Town land
 - Build bridge across gully near McPhie bench
 - Post more information at kiosk
 - Build and place bench at key visitor location
- Town Forest
 - Build and place benches at brook, top of hill, pollinator area, area overlooking wetland.
 - Install stairs at switchback area
 - Install culverts in wetlands
 - Reseed pollinator area
 - Post or update information kiosk information



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- Contoocook Conservation Complex
 - Build and place four benches at key visitor locations
 - Brushing needed along trails
 - County Rd kiosk needs improvements
 - Move old Kiosk in wetlands at trailhead area nearer to rails-to-trails
 - Install nature signage in loop (using funds from grant and Conservation Fund).

Note: approximate number if benches needed = 11

Two potential bridges

Culverts (1-2)