



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes for meeting on March 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeon, Doreen Richards

Alternate members present: Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler

Other Attendee: Dan Bemis

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape work – Dan Bemis attended the meeting to discuss the Playscape. Drouin reviewed the different contractor quotes for the Playscape work. Dan felt completing the playscape was a positive direction for that area of Rindge and had no problems with the projected costs. He has received positive feedback about the playscape. He is working with his committee to raise funds for the playscape although barriers seem to be a problem with doing that. Mellor mentioned that some small trees need to be removed and Richards volunteered to assist him. An electrical contractor is needed to install conduit and Lefebvre will seek a cost estimate.
- Mattabeseck Wildlife Corridor signage update – Lefebvre reported that the donor signs are ready to be installed. He is awaiting trail signs to place on the plywood backing that Drouin has prepared. Mellor and Lefebvre will walk a proposed trail once snow melts.
- Mattabeseck Opening – May 21 – Lefebvre reviewed a draft letter to send to invitees and made changes proposed by Commission members. A list of proposed speakers was discussed for short comments and a proposed program. Dickler will obtain a large pair of scissors for the ribbon cutting and Lefebvre will contact the Rec Dept for water containers.
- Geology Presentation – Dickler reported that the Rec Center had been reserved for this presentation by Fred Rogers on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 pm; he will need a computer for his presentation.
- Wildwood Camp Availability – Lefebvre explained the offer from Wildwood for 2 of their units for family use in either September (after Labor Day) or October. Units have four cabins and fire pit, sink, benches, picnic table and toilets. The Commission will publicize the donation and select interested families from a “hat.” People will be asked to submit a request by letter or email. More information is needed about swimming and canoeing and Lefebvre will solidify those details.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – The Commission discussed benches for the various conservation lands and will see if a member of the Conservation Corps is interested in building them based on the design recommended. Lefebvre motioned to expend up to \$400 for the lumber and materials needed. Richards seconded the motion and the Commission approved the motion. The Commission again mentioned the considerable winter clean-up work needed at the various conservation lands and will plan work once snow melts.

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

NHDES – Permit AoT-2332, Alteration of Terrain at 581 NH-119, Placid Acres, Map 4 Lot 23, Navian Development. Elias Parkkonen – Reviewed by the Commission.

Announcements/Reminders

Open Mic at the Meeting House, Saturday, March 25, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. Donation \$5.00 for the Rindge Historical Society.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for March 13, 2023

Someone motioned and Dodge seconded to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Dickler abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2023

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

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre