



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Draft Minutes for Meeting on April 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Rindge Town Office**

Meeting Convened at 6:30 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeon, Rob Rubendall, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tetreault Park/Playscape work – Drouin explained that DigZ has started work at Tetreault. Mellor reported that all the stumps have been removed and the grounds are being prepared for the playscape. An electrician met with Mellor and Lefebvre to review conduit installation needs and to offer a quote. Later, the electrician's quote included a meter installation however, the Commission requested a new quote without a meter.  
More trail clearing took place on April 22 and there is now a very large debris pile that requires chipping. A large limb fell from a tree and went through the cabin's metal roof. Richards motioned and Lefebvre seconded to spend up to the estimated cost (\$80) for roof repairs from the Conservation Fund. The Commission voted, approved the motion and Drouin will purchase the needed metal pieces. Drouin and Mellor met with members of the Sno-Moles to improve access to a trail entry along the Rails-to-Trails into the Tetreault/Town Forest. The suggestions the Sno-Moles presented were recommended to the Commission.  
Lefebvre will contact a tree person for a quote to cut down trees endangering the cabin and walkers.
- Chipper Update- The chipper was used to chip trees at Converse and worked well and will be used at other conservation areas where stacks of trees and limbs have been created by Corps members, Friends of Rindge Conservation and Commission members from winter damage.
- Conservation land benches – Drouin reported that 10 trail benches were built by Conservation Corps members and will be placed at conservation land locations after trails are cleared. The Commission expressed its appreciation to the Corps members built the benches.
- Mattabesek Opening – May 21 – Lefebvre reported that invitations have been mailed to donors and other invitees. Work is progressing needed for the map for the kiosk
- Mattabesek Abutter notices – Rubendall reviewed the letter that will be sent to Mattabesek abutters who are storing items on the property.
- Wildwood Camping Interest- Lefebvre reported that he had received nine applications for the two family fall camping opportunities. He recommended that the drawing take place on May 1 at 3:00 pm after final mail is received at the Town Office to allow more time for recipients to contact Wildwood to reserve a weekend. These weekend are very popular with Mass Audubon members.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – All of the conservation trails need clearing and the Commission will work on them as time permits in the following order (which may change): Converse Meadow, Tetreault Park/Town Forest, Miriam Hunt Town Forest and Contoocook Marsh. The Commission scheduled trail clearing at Converse for Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 – Noon.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Conservation Land Tours schedule – Dickler reviewed the schedule of tours:
  - Tetreault Park – June 18, Drouin
  - Converse Meadow - July 23, Laurel Cameron for the water tour, walking tour by ??

- August 20 – Schoolhouse Park – Mellor
  - September 17 – Contoocook Marsh – Dodge
  - October 15 – Hunt Memorial Forest - Rogers
- Chamber of Commerce Article due May 8 – This article will focus on the above tours.
  - A presentation on legacy possibilities will be planned for the public.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

Nh DES 2023-00934 Shoreland Permit Application, Map 14 Lot 42, 50 Lachance Dr., John Montgomery  
 Reviewed by the Commission  
 The Commission reviewed the rehearing of the Halliday subdivision at Map 11, Lots 1-5, 1-6 and 1-8.

**Announcements/Reminders**

Open Mic at the Meeting House, Saturday, April 29, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. Donation \$5.00 for the Rindge Historical Society.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for April 10, 2023

Simeone motioned and Rubendall seconded to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Richards, Dodge and Lefebvre abstaining.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 8, 2023

**Schedule of 2023 Meetings:** May 25, June 12 & 22,

July 10 & 27, Aug. 14 & 24, Sept. 11 & 28, Oct. 9 & 26, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm*

*Minutes recorded by Lefebvre*