



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Minutes for Meeting on May 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Rob Rubendall, Al Lefebvre, Doreen Richards, Fred Rogers

Alternate members present: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape – Mellor reported on the work by ZigZ. DPW has moved all the stored Play-scape items to Tetreault. Changes to the slide work was discussed which Mellor will report to DigZ. The climbing wall needs to be assembled, installed and backfilled. EverSouce was at the site and placed 3 markers for the poles which they will install; conduit distances will remain as previously discussed with one circuit return from the cabin back to the last pole in the second conduit.
- Mattabesek Opening – May 21 – Lefebvre reported that invitations have all been mailed. Drouin reported that Jay Pittorino (Pitt Pipeline) has removed stumps along the trail behind the kiosk and has covered it with mulch down to the stream. Mellor reported that he cut a few trees along the trail to the stream.  
Other Grand Opening set-up and arrangements are proceeding; the large map for the kiosk is on order and is expected shortly thanks to the efforts by Tim MacKay. Tent coverings/awnings from Drouin, the Historical Society and the Commission will be set-up on May 20 along with signage and a table for material. The two benches built by Lefebvre and Desruisseaux from Franklin Pierce's centennial ash will be placed on the property. Lefebvre will obtain a ribbon for the official cutting. The Rec Center is loaning its drinking water tank for public use; small cups are also needed). A handout will be prepared and distribute to attendees.  
Rick Van de Poll and Mellor will lead tours of the land for those interested. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm
- Wildwood Camping Recipients – Lefebvre announced that the following were awarded the two fall cabin weekends at Wildwood: Candace Starrett and Stacy Anderson. These weekends were offered and provided by Camp Wildwood.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
  - Mattabesek Trail clearing: Lefebvre reported that the main trail is open and Mellor reported that some minor clearing is needed at other trails.
  - Converse Meadow – trail clearing and chipping was done by Drouin, Rubendall, O'Neil, Ratcliffe(with son and daughter), Brian Bishoff (Friend) and May 6. Much chipping remains to be done.
  - Tetreault Park/Town Forest. The Commission reviewed the \$4950 quote from Andy Jenks to cut and remove trees around the cabin. Trees need to be removed for safety and for the cabin's protection. Lefebvre motioned and Dodge seconded to accept the quote from Jenks (to be paid from the Conservation Fund).
  - Miriam Hunt – trail work needed.
  - Contoocook Marsh Complex – Dickler reported that the trail from County Road kiosk to the bridge needs to be cleared.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Land Use Coordinator Subcommittee participation. Commission participation was discussed and Mellor volunteered to represent the Commission on the subcommittee with Dickler as a second participant.
- Improper sand dumping on Lake Monomonack and at a shoreland home at Woodbound Inn (Rudy Rosalez, the owner of the property, might not be aware of permitting necessary for this work) was reported to the Commission, Contoocook. These issues were forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for enforcement of Town regulations.

## **Announcements/Reminders**

Mattabeseck Grand Opening – May 21 at 1:00 pm

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for April 27, 2023

Mellot motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion.

## **NEXT MEETING:** May 25, 2023

**Schedule of 2023 Meetings:** 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 8:55 pm.*

*Minutes recorded by Lefebvre*