



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on June 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate members present: Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler,

Other Attendees: Joe Desruisseaux, Mark Haskell, Eric Jodon

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape – Mellor reported that trees around the cabin that needed to be were removed by Andy Jenks who also drilled the eight holes needed for the playscape. Andy also had chipped half the 40' pile of limbs previously cut to clear trails and moved them closer to the playscape area for spreading. Mellor reviewed work that still needs to be done at the Playscape. The Recreation Committee will hold a workday at Tetreault on June 18 (8:00 am – Noon).
- Land Use Coordinator Subcommittee – Mellor reported that the subcommittee has reviewed the latest job description and has been asked to reduce it to key elements for posting. Funding for the position is in the current budget although some of original budget has been used for other purposes.
- Updated letter to Mattabesec abutters – Rubendall reviewed letters to be sent to abutters with various items misplaced on the conservation land in keeping with the easement requirements.
- June 18 Tetreault & Town Forest tour – Drouin will cut grass before the tour and will lead it on the 18th.
- Map 19 Lot 18, 18 Sandback Road, Permission to cut by Greenleaf's Garden Design; documents Wetlands Permit Application by Higher Design. This permit was reviewed by the Commission at its last meeting and still found no problem with the cutting in the wetlands area.
- Use of e-bikes question – Lefebvre reported that he had been contacted by another conservation commission about the use of e-bikes on conservation land. The Commission decided to remain with the policy of not allowing motorized equipment on conservation lands.
- Monitoring of conservation lands.
 - Converse Meadow – continued chipping is needed although trails are open due to Commission and Conservation Corps assistance.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – chipping is needed at the remaining pile as well as grass cutting. Improved trail marking will be done in the future. A 6-8' X 30' oak limb has fallen down behind the gate at Town Forest which Drouin will cut-up when he cuts grass on the entry trail. Trail benches constructed by Conservation Corps members will be installed shortly at key locations
 - Miriam Hunt – Drouin reported that a tree has fallen down before the kiosk and will cut it when he cuts grass. There are other limbs along trails which need to be removed before the tour later in the summer. The entry area needs gravel and prices will be sought.
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – chipping was conducted on June 10 by Mellor, Drouin, Lefebvre and Dan Ford. Mellor reported that he measured the distance across the river, about 80 feet, for the floating bridge. Posts need to be installed marking the property. A bench has been placed along the river.
 - Schoolhouse Park - Boy Scout Troop 308 will help with trail clean-up. A date is needed for when they will be doing their work.

NEW BUSINESS

- RCC gas card has arrived and will be available for use.

- Filing & Storage of RCC supplies – Lefebvre will work with the Town Administrator for another and larger file cabinet and space for storage and supplies.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- NH DES 2023-01347 – Utility Statutory Permit-by-Notification, Rindge ROW, tower painting was cancelled.
- Intent to Cut, Map 6 Lots 34-1 & 34-3, at Stearns-Lamont Forest, Middle Winchendon Rd, Soc. for Protection of NH Forests – Reviewed by the Commission. Concern was expressed about July logging during July when bats are nesting.

Announcements/Reminders

Mason and Dublin Conservation Commissions congratulations on opening of Mattabeseck

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for May 25, 2023

Mellor motioned and Rogers seconded to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2023

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: July 10 & 27, Aug. 14 & 24, Sept. 11 & 28, Oct. 9 & 26, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre