



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on June 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

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

Alternate members present: Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler

Other Attendees: Kyle Higgins

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape update – Mellor reviewed progress at the Tetreault Playscape; chips have been dropped there as well as crushed stone material for the walkway. Sono-tubes will be brought to the site on June 24 when a workday is scheduled.
- Tetreault electrician quotes – Lefebvre explained he is working on obtaining quotes for installing conduits for an electrical hook-up in the near future.
- June 18 Tetreault & Town Forest tour update – Drouin reported that about five people attended the tour that took about two house.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
 - Mattabeseck Trails – Rubendall walked the property with Richard Pendleton of the Monadnock Conservancy on June 21. He reported that a trail along the powerline needs to be created to avoid walking on Rindge Stone & Gravel property. Letters to two abutters improperly storing items on Mattabeseck.
 - Converse Meadow – chipping still needed. The beaver dam bridge is unable to be used due to water.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – Drouin cut grass along the trails but it was wet at the trail crossing. A few small trees needed to be cut to keep trails open. Drouin put out three benches.
 - Miriam Hunt – Drouin reported that he had cut-up a tree that had fallen in front of the kiosk. He also reported that some young beech trees had fallen down near water's edge. Drouin will try to make contact a nearby contractor to spread gravel material on the entry road.
 - Contoocook Marsh Complex – The kiosk repaired and updated with current information. The conservation land across from the County Rd kiosk needs signage along County Road and Route 202. Lefebvre will seek sign cost estimates. Dodge will contact NH Rails-to-trails to recommend improving the parking area along South Woodbound Rd.
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – Drouin reported that a relatively large tree has fallen on the upstream side of the river and needs to be cut and moved as it is impairing waterflow. This is a likely fall project.
 - Schoolhouse Park & Boy Scout Troop 308 – Lefebvre has been in contact with Troop 308 which has indicated they will accept this park as a public service project. They will let us know when they will begin the work of moving fallen limbs from winter snowstorms to the parking area for later chipping.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wildwood Summer Projects – Kyle Higgins of Wildwood Camp explained that those enrolled in the Environmental Leadership and the Counselors in Training programs who would be available for summer projects for the Commission from July 2 – August 11. After discussion, it was decided that the groups will work to create a trail at Mattabeseck along the powerline. Rubendall will work with Higgins on dates and scope of work efforts.

- Monadnock Conservancy monitoring visits – In addition to Mattabeseck, Monadnock Conservancy will be monitoring visits at Sandback Wilderness, Hunt Town Forest, Tetreault Park and Town Forest.
- Canoe use/waiver – Dickler shared a poster she created for residents may use to use the canoe and trailer that was donated to the Commission.
- Filing & Storage of RCC supplies – Lefebvre reports he is working with the Town Administrator on filing possibilities.

Announcements/Reminders

Rec Comm workday at Tetreault – June 24, 8:00 - Noon

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for June 12, 2023

Lefebvre offered additional text for the Minutes . Rubendall motioned and Simeone seconded to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2023 with the additional text Lefebvre offered. The Commission voted and approved the motion

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2023

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: July 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.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre