



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on July 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:01 pm

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

Alternate Members present: Joe Desruisseaux

Other Attendees: Paul Graz

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape update – Mellor reported that a drainage ditch is needed around the walkway and that he will speak with Gorman about it. He mentioned that work at the spider web is needed and Richards and Rubendall indicated that more material needs to be removed from the spider web center and refilled with material under the pile of chips. Material is needed to fill around the pilings that were created for the spider web. After completion of the spider web work, chips need to be put in and around the area. Mellor also noted that assistance is needed to put together the slide.
- Tetreault electrician quotes – Lefebvre reported that he has two quotes for the electrical work. The Commission thought it best to obtain a third quote.
- July 23 Contoocook tour at 1:30 – Lefebvre reported that the canoe leader for this tour notified him in the last few days that she will be unable to lead the trip. Drouin indicated that he would bring over the canoe for possible usage. Rubendall will continue to lead the walking tour.
- Merrimack signs – Lefebvre shared reprints of the three environmental signs that had been ordered from the Merrimack Conservation Partnership for the Contoocook Conservation area. These laminated signs will replace ones that have deteriorated. When they arrive, the Commission will need to obtain posts to support them. Benches will also be placed along the same trail as the signs. Dickler had reported by email to Lefebvre that more signs can be ordered if desired for Contoocook and for Mattabeseck as those areas are part of the Merrimack Conservation Partnership. Signs need to be requested by September 15.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
 - Mattabeseck Trails – Rubendall reported that Wildwood had provided 16-18 campers to assist with trail clearing on Sunday morning July 9. The trail that was “under construction” was cleared of branches and trees (previously cut) and it is now open through their efforts. More work needs to be done on the trail under the power lines and further discussion with Wildwood staff will take place about future efforts and assistance; more supervision of the campers is needed. Lefebvre recommended that the Commission purchase a small number of loppers and saws for this kind of work as the campers did not have tools to use. Mellor motioned and Rubendall motioned to spend up to \$200 on loppers, saws and gloves. The Commission voted and approved the motion. Rubendall also mentioned that a footbridge is needed through wetlands for the trail near the power line. He will meet with Mellor about a possible footbridge and its location.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – awaiting the final agreement with the Sno-Moles. Stumps left by the tree cutting will be ground down rather than dug-up as the latter may damage the leech field.
 - Miriam Hunt Town Forest – chipping has been done. The top trail needs to be trimmed as well as along the trail to the pond. A bench is ready to be placed at the area near the water.
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – Drouin reported that he had removed four loads of limbs that had come down from winter storms and from Commission work. Posts need to be placed on the property to clearly delineate it.

- Schoolhouse Park – Lefebvre reported that he had let Boy Scout Troop 308 know that the tour of the park was to take place on August 20 and that the Commission would like their work completed before that date.

NEW BUSINESS

- Major subdivision at Map 2 Lot 46-1-1, Dale Farm Rd and Knight Lane, for 14 lots. Graz Engineering for Timothy Halliday. Paul Graz provided updated maps of the major subdivision with most of the changes outlined in a previous meeting with the Commission. It was noticed that the amount of common land has been reduced but still within the frameworks of a PURD. A response to the subdivision will be prepared and forwarded to the Planning Board.
- ZBA review of addition at Map 43 Lot 1-16, 11 Blakeville Rd., HVA Carpentry LLC for Brian Johnson. The RCC was unable to review this addition due to insufficient information which will be sought from the ZBA.
- ZBA review of ADU at Map 14 Lot 42, 50 Lachance Dr., John C Montgomery. The RCC was unable to review this addition due to insufficient information which will be sought from the ZBA.
- NH DES 2023-01701 Accepted Permit by Notification at Map 45 Lot 28, 9 Lake Dr., MICHAEL/TAMMY KIROUAC. Reviewed by the Commission.
- Roadside signage for Mattabeseck along Old New Ipswich Rd. This double-sided sign will be placed well off the road on a tree to provide direction to residents. Lefebvre received a quote for the sign and the Commission approved ordering the sign.
- Possible Wetlands Violation at Converseville Rd., Map 7 Lot 96-3 or 96. Drouin reviewed the letter he had sent to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer informing them on July 2 of the clear violation of Sections 2 and 7 of the Town's Wetlands Ordinance.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

Announcements/Reminders

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for June 22, 2023

Rubendall motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Rogers and Richards abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2023

Conservation Land Tours: July 23 Converse Meadow, August 20 Schoolhouse Park, Sept. 17 Contoocook Marsh, October 16 Miriam Hunt town Forest. Possible Moonlight Walk at Mattabeseck on date to be determined.

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: 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 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre