

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on October 12, 2020 at the Rindge Recreation/Community Center, Wellington Road

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Phil Simeone, Doreen Richards

Alternates Members present: Rob Rubendall, William Preston, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge

OLD BUSINESS

- Playscape – Richards reported she had left a message with Jennifer Brooke about starting plans for the playscape based on current available funds but had not received a return message. There will be a meeting of the Recreation Committee in the coming weeks to discuss this project, among other items. Richards requested that Commission members send her suggestions for what they would like to see on the playscape.
- Farmer's Market Update – Dickler reported that she and Dodge had staffed the last Farmer's Market on October 8 and sold \$30 of clothing and received \$58 in donations from residents. The overall impression of attendance at the market was very favorable as it provided an opportunity for the public to interact with Commission members and to learn of our activities. Unsold clothing will be kept at the Town Office while she will store the umbrella tent and folding table the Commission purchased. Participation at future Farmers Markets will be discussed at another meeting.
- Update on PURD Subcommittee – Dickler reported that the subcommittee is meeting three Thursdays of the month at the Rec Center. For now, the subcommittee is collecting information and how other towns are handling PURDs. It is likely that a new PURD needs to be part of Town ordinances.
- Planning Board Meeting on Navian Development – Drouin reported on the Planning Board meeting where the Commission's recommendations and concerns about the Navian development were discussed. He indicated that Navian was not going to place the common areas of the development into a conservation easement and that Navian is still planning to construct buildings into the 50 foot setback. It appears that Navian is considering hiring a third party hydrologist but the Planning Board may hire one and have Navian pay for it. The Commission felt that a follow-up letter to the Planning Board would be worthwhile to express concerns with the latest information. Drouin will draft a letter.
- NHACC annual meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, \$35 for Members, \$50 for non-members. Lefebvre reminded members to sign-up for the online meeting if they plan to attend.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Lefebvre
 - o Contoocook Marsh – Rubendall reported that he had removed one bag of trash from the camping area. McPhie reported that he had cut down a tree that was down across a trail and he had also put up 2 directional signs. New informational signs are needed at the tenting area and Lefebvre will print them and Rubendall will place them.
 - o Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – Preston reported that he had placed rebar where the new bird houses will be inserted later. McPhie reported that he had cut grass, reseeded areas and had ordered a sign that will be posted with Commission property rules.

Drouin cleared brush and installed a kiosk; he asked for suggestions for what to place in the kiosk (i.e. map, property rules, etc.). The property needs a few bridges at different locations and will be constructed in the future.

- o Schoolhouse Park – Mellor reported that a tree at the park is leaning near Flagg's driveway and he plans to cut it down.

NEW BUSINESS

- Intent to Cut, 187 Bancroft Road, Map 8 lot 27, Marsha Mills – Reviewed with the Commission by Drouin.
- Schoolhouse Park Tour – Mellor will conduct the tour on Oct. 18 at 1:00 pm. He also reported that the parking area is settling somewhat and may need corrective measures. Dickler had sent a notice to Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.
- Moose Plate 2020 Grant Amendment – Lefebvre reported that Rick Van de Poll is working on the grant amendment.
- Donations for land purchase – Lefebvre reported that the Commission has received 36 return letters out of 51 donor letters sent. The thirty-six donors indicated that the Commission should use their donations for the revised purchase at Rindge Stone & Gravel or use it for another project if that is not successful; three donors requested that their donation be returned if the purchase is not successful.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: September 24, 2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

NH Shoreland Permit Application at 104 Lachance Dr., Lake Monomonac, Map 17 Lot 17, Sam Sepala. Review by the Commission is not required however by Drouin explained it with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-02537, Shoreland Permit Application at 106 Swan Point Rd., Lake Monomonac, Map 22 Lot 19, T.G. Zelen Revocable Trust, Marvin & Thelma Zelen Trustees

Shoreland Permit Application Acceptance NH DES 2020-02537, 162 Swan Point Rd, Map 22, Lot 19, T.G. Zelen Revocable Trust, Marvin & Thelma Zelen Trustees
Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-02508, Acceptance of Wetlands Expedited Minimum Impact Permit Application at Map 3 Lots 71-19 & 20 ATA Construction. Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NH DES 2020-02164 Request for more information – Shoreland Permit Application for 10-12 Hudson Way, Map 19, Lot 18, Rogers Engineering Solutions. Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mail charges: \$26.50; Budget Report as of September 30, 2020, reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2020

2020 Schedule of Meetings: Nov. 9, December 14

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

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