



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **Draft Minutes for Meeting on August 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting Convened at 7:01 pm

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

Alternate Members present: Joe Desruisseaux, Deni Dickler, Del Friedman

Other Attendees: Dan Bemis

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tetreault Park – Mellor reported that Jason Gorman will dig the electrical trench in the next few weeks and would like to complete all his work on the playscape. Mellor indicated that DPW has put sand in the gaga pit but may need more once it has settled. Dan Bemis joined the meeting to discuss work on the playscape. With the summer program having ended, he will be able to devote more time to playscape project. The playscape needs more hands-on and financial support from the Recreation Committee to complete the project in a timely manner as originally agreed with the Conservation Commission. He obtained prices for approved woodchips and may try to obtain more. These chips are needed at various projects. If a large 100 yard load is purchased and delivered, it will need to be moved to various parts of the playscape. Plantings to replace grass growing on the slide hill was discussed and Dickler will research and offer a recommendation; allowing grass to grow between the large rocks will be difficult to maintain. Drouin asked how fundraising for the project was proceeding and Bemis indicated that they had not been, so far, successful.
- Liability waiver – Drouin received the final waiver needed for canoe users. Information about requesting use of the canoe and waiver form will be posted on the website.
- Conservation land projects and priorities were discussed in detail and were compiled into a work plan. Work at each of the Rindge conservation lands were prioritized for action in the coming months and year. The Commission has identified the second Saturday of September, October and November (8:00 am – Noon) as workdays to complete some of the items with help from Conservation Corps members (see below).
- Schoolhouse Park Tour – Mellor reported that 10 people attended and enjoyed the tour. Woodchips placed along the trail were helpful.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Planning Board – Application for Minor Site Plan, Map 6 Lot 49A-4-5, 28 Lisa Dr in Business-Light Industry Zone, submitted by Higher Design for Davis Village Properties. Reviewed by the Commission.
- Planning Board – Application for Commercial Driveway Relocation, Map 6 Lot 49A in Business-Light Industry Zone, Perkins Rd, Tim Halliday. The Commission found the plan for this application insufficient to properly evaluate. Drouin will contact Mr. Halliday for more information
- Tetreault Cabin doors/windows – Drouin shared costs for windows and doors at the cabin which were discussed by the Commission. Different ideas for future uses of the cabin were discussed and a small committee will be formed to evaluate possible uses and costs. The Commission however, decided to purchase a door for the back side of the cabin to replace plywood currently in use and which has to be removed anytime supplies to be placed inside. Mellor motioned and Lefebvre seconded to spend up to \$1500 from the Conservation Fund for a door, lumber and locks. The Commission approved the motion.
- Conservation Corps engagement – Lefebvre reported that he will send the email developed by Dickler to Corps members to try to get them more engaged in Rindge conservation projects. Corps members

will be asked to assist with projects on the second Saturday in Sept-Oct-Nov (see above) with the first meeting at the Hunt Town Forest on Sept 9. A week later, another email will be sent reminding Corps members of the workday with another email on Friday, Sept 8. It is hoped that much needed work will be completed.

- Files for Code Enforcement – Lefebvre reported that he had collected papers from the two cases currently in violation of the Town Wetlands Ordinance at Map 3 Lot 43 on Goddard Road and Map 6 Lot 99-6-2 (LaChance Dr) and had placed them in his mailbox. It was very difficult to find copies of the Selectmen's Cease and Desist orders as files are difficult to locate at the Town Office due to changing personnel and lack of structure to old files and even files from 1 ½ years ago. Much time was spent in finding the Goddard Road order while the second one has still not been located. The Town office staff are working hard to rectify the situation however, time and appropriate resources are needed to organize them in a proper business order so they can be more easily found in the future to better serve the public. The staff's effort in locating key documents is appreciated.
- Women's Club Harvest Fair table for September 30. Dickler recommends participation and will work at finding assistance to be there for the Commission.
- CNBRLAC update – Lefebvre reported on his first meeting of the Connecticut & North Branch Rivers and Local Advisory Committee.
- RCC Reports – Lefebvre showed Commission members various conservation reports that require storage space in the old file cabinet. He suggested having them scanned and placed on the computer that is now available to the Commission. The Commission wanted to retain them and he will develop a plan to keep them and save storage space.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for August 14, 2023

Mellor motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion with the following added to the Tetreault Park section: "The playscape needs more hands-on and financial support from the Recreation Committee to complete the project in a timely manner as originally agreed with the Conservation Commission" (This sentence replaced the original second sentence of the Tetreault paragraph.. Simeone abstained.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sept. 11, 2023

**Workday schedule:** Sept. 9 at Miriam Hunt Town Forest; Oct 14 and Nov. 11 at locations to be decided.

**Conservation Land Tours:**

Sept. 17 Contoocook Marsh,

October 16 Miriam Hunt town Forest. Possible Moonlight Walk at Mattabeseck on date to be determined.

**Schedule of 2023 Meetings:** Sept. 28, Oct. 9 & 26, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

*And any other business that comes before the Commission.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm*

*Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*