



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes for Meeting on September 11, 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, Fred Rogers

Alternate Members present: Joe Desruisseaux, Del Friedman

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park – Dan Bemis in an email indicated that he has made contact with a contractor who has worked on playscapes before and will assist with setting-up the slide. Mellor indicated that the dirt pile that was provided may not be suitable for the playscape and also needs to be sifted. The Rec Committee has a workday schedule for Saturday, September 16. Mellor is going to ask Jason Gorman to dig the trench for the electrical conduit.
Desruisseaux reported that he investigated the septic field to find the pipe that feeds the system. After digging a number of holes in the ground he found that the pipe is broken and eventually need to be repaired. Desruisseaux has also purchased the metal door and hardware for the cabin using Conservation Funds. He will also lead a three person subcommittee to review/discuss future uses of the cabin. He also indicated that he is donating about 40 feet of railings that could eventually be used at the cabin at Tetreault. Combined with the lumber he donated in the late spring can be used for various projects. The Commission is grateful for these donations.
The Governor's Council is meeting at Franklin Pierce on September 20 and the collaborative between the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Committee on the playscape will be mentioned in a positive way.
- Code Enforcement Status – Mellor had reported the potential wetlands violation to the Town Administrator and the Town's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). It was reported that the CEO tried to visit the site at Map 12 Lot 1-4 on the Old New Ipswich Rd on the edge of Hubbard Pond but the owners were not available. Drouin called and talked with the owner's father who said the contractor had said he could cut trees down to the water. Drouin explained that the owner and contractor must adhere to the Rindge Wetlands Ordinance. He offered to visit the site with the CEO. Since this property is on Hubbard Pond, it may also be a violation of State regulations/law.
- Lefebvre reported that he expects to receive data on current use land tax charges that were not made within the time limits permitted by state law.
- Monitoring conservation lands
 - Mattabeseck – Rubendall reported that he has cleared , marked and opened the red trail.
 - Converse Meadow – will be the site of the next workday on October 14.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – Rubendall mentioned the four-wheelers are crossing through the property. He has also marked the red trail.
 - Miriam Hunt Town Forest – Lefebvre reported that 13 people including 8 Conservation Corps members donated 28 hours of their time to improve this town forest during the Saturday's workday Saturday (Sept 9). Those present helped with chipping brush piles, clearing the blue diamond, yellow and red trails while also marking trails.
 - Contoocook Marsh Complex awaiting trail signs that are in progress. It is hoped that the new signage will be ready for the tour on Sept. 17.
 - Schoolhouse Park – Mellor reported that woodchips have been spread along the trail.

NEW BUSINESS

- Contoocook Marsh Tour – August 20 – Dodge will lead this tour and notices about it have been sent to newspapers and sent to Corp members as well as Friends of Rindge Conservation.
- Use of Commission equipment – Rubendall inquired about possible use of the chipper by Commission members. The issue was discussed and it was decided that it could only be used by the Commission carrying out its work.
- Conservation Corps engagement – the Commission expressed its appreciation for the members of the Conservation Corps who assisted at the clean-up of Miriam Hunt Town Forest.
- POOR Meat Raffle – Lefebvre reported that the Commission has been asked to fulfill its commitment to POOR as a result of its donation to the purchase of Mattabeseck. The Commission needs to staff the meat raffle on Dec 2 (Sat), 1:30 – 6:00 pm and that 8 people needed to staff the event. This was a commitment. Drouin mentioned that he has participated in a POOR raffle before and had fun at it.
- Computer resource – Lefebvre reported that the Commission now has a computer at the Town Office and can be used to upload and retain files.
- Canoe trailer – Rubendall reported that he had looked at the canoe trailer and found that it was really for larger boat while a canoe can be carried on a car's roof top or in a truck. He recommended that it be sold. The Commission needs to investigate how best to sell it: take bids with a reserve, put on E-Bay or another method. Lefebvre will discuss with Town Administrator.
- Commission clothing – Lefebvre reported that green hats that could be purchased are no longer available; he has been attempting to obtain other options.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

Announcements/Reminders

Oct. 14 – Workday at Converse Meadow (8:00 – 10:00 and 10:00 – Noon)

Nov 11 – Workday at _____ ??

Conservation Fund expenditure of \$1069.22 for door and hardware at Tetreault cabin door was approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for August 24, 2023

Desruisseaux motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Minutes of August 24 2023. Rubendall and Minutes should be changed accordingly. The Commission approved the motion with changes.

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 28, 2023

Conservation Land Tours:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre.