



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on October 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:02 pm

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park update & Use Committee, Playground chips, conduit, filling holes, etc. – Mellor reported that playground chips were delivered; Dig-Z has put in the stone dust and finished the walkway, created drainage between walkway and stump walk; backfill is still needed on the conduit when Eversource installs electrical wires and filling holes leading to damaged pipes to septic system. Drouin and Desruisseaux picked up the new door for the cabin and put it inside temporarily.
- Miriam Hunt Town Forest Tour update– October 15 Rogers reported by email that he is ready to lead this tour.
- Women's Club Fall Harvest Fair update – Simeone and Lefebvre reported that there was a good crowd at the event and a number of people visited the Commission's table; some bought hats, and a sweat-shirt and patches while some contributed to the Conservation Fund.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
 - Converse Meadow – Workday projects for Oct. 14 will include brush chipping, clearing better two interior trails (from MacGregor to the well).
 - Miriam Hunt Town Forest - Drouin reported on prices he received for the driveway work and will pursue for additional information. Mellor reported that he chipped brush in this conservation area.

NEW BUSINESS

- Conservation Award – Lefebvre reviewed the proposal to establish a conservation award for an annual presentation. He will develop more information about criteria and a nomination form. Commission members agreed to go forward with this award.
- Mattabesek Wildlife Corridor Management plan – Lefebvre suggested the Commission develop a management plan for Mattabesek; Mellor will reach out to Jeff Littleton for availability, costs and suggestions.
- Canoe trailer – Drouin reported that he had conveyed canoe trailer details to the Town Administrator with an estimated value of \$250.

Simeone motioned to leave the public session and to go into a Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3 – Real Estate. Mellor seconded the motion. The Commission members were polled and all approved.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3m disclosure of minutes of a nonpublic – Lefebvre provided the non-public minutes for 2010-2013 that had been sealed by the Commission. Drouin reviewed each of the following minutes with the Commission:

2010 - June 24, Dec. 13;

2011 – May 26, Sept. 22, Oct. 10, Oct. 27, Nov. 28;

2012 – March 22, April 26, May 14, May 24, August 13.

Commission members were polled and all approved unsealing these minutes.

Mellor motioned and Simeone seconded to leave Non-Public Session. All Commissioners were polled and approved the motion.

Announcements/Reminders

Converse Meadow Workday – Saturday, October 14 starting at 8:00 am

October 15 Miriam Hunt town Forest.at 1:30 p.m.

NHACC Annual Meeting at Pembroke Academy. Sign up before October 28 to get the early bird rate of \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members.

POOR Meat Raffle – Sat. Dec. 2, 1:30 – 6:00 pm at VFW on Route 202, Jaffrey

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for September 28, 2023

NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2023

Conservation Land Tours:

Possible Moonlight Walk at Mattabeseck on date to be determined.

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

And any other business that comes before the Commission.