



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on December 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers, Rob Rubendall, Phil Simeone

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

OLD BUSINESS

- RCC Playscape update – Rubendall, Desruisseaux, and Lefebvre stored playground items for future use in the cabin. New doors with keys were installed on the cabin. Electric is live. Drouin routed a playscape sign; Mellor is painting it and will post it for the opening. Dan Bemis has scheduled a soft opening of the playscape on Wednesday, December 12, 2:30 p.m. Mellor read the email exchange between Drouin and Bemis regarding the payments due from the Recreation Department to the Conservation Fund.
- Budget Update – discussion postponed until January meeting.
- Conservation Award – discussion postponed until January meeting.
- Meat Raffle update – P.O.O.R. gave recognition to the Conservation Commission for volunteering at the raffle. Volunteering were RCC members and alternates: Desruisseaux, Dickler, Dodge, Drouin, Friedman, and Rubendall. Corps members and Friends volunteering were: Pat Martin, Jeff Dickler, and Tim Algeo. RCC received a donation of \$50 per volunteer for a total of approximately 45 volunteer hours.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Rubendall reported moving an old sign at Town Forest away from the old Boy Scout construction. Rogers suggested a bench be added at the top of the hill at Miriam Hunt Forest.

NEW BUSINESS

- NHACC mailings – Dickler described the new NHACC listserv and suggested anyone interested in receiving updates should sign up to receive emails. She will email the link to sign up.
- Year End Report – discussion postponed until January meeting.
- Jeff Littleton Watershed Presentation* – Dickler confirmed the speaker, Jeff Littleton, and Rec Center for the January 25 presentation on the Watershed at 6:30 p.m. Dickler provided copies of the Contoocook signs to the speaker to integrate into his presentation. He will need a projector and screen which Lefebvre is addressing. A key for the building and AV cabinet will need to be picked up before the meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- NHDES 2022-000742, Letter of Compliance, Map 6 Lot 99-6-2, Route 202 Ezra Ketola. Reviewed letter closing out case which indicated a 30" culvert was installed. Commission has no indication the culvert install was done. NHDES does not address the filled wetland which violates the town Wetland Ordinance. This will be forwarded to Zoning Officer.
- NHDES 2023-02962, Shoreland Permit, Map 14 Lot 51, 22 Lachance Dr., Paul LaRoche – Reviewed by Commission.
- NHDES 2023-02948, Shoreland Permit Application Request for Additional Information, Map 14, Lot 49, 26 Lachance Drive, The A to Z Trust – Reviewed by Commission.

Announcements/Reminders – no announcements

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for November 13, 2023. Desruisseaux motioned and Rubendall seconded to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2023. Minutes approved with Rogers and Simeone abstaining.

Happy Holidays!!

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2024

Schedule of 2024 Meetings: January 8 & 25*, Feb. 12 & 22, Mar. 11 & 28, April 8 & 25, May 13 & 23, June 10 & 27, July 8 & 25, Aug. 12 & 22, Sept. 9 & 26, Oct. 14 & 24, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dickler.