

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for February 11, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, William Preston, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers, Joseph Desruisseaux, Phil Simeone
Alternates in attendance: Paul McPhie, Doreen Richards, Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall, Fred Dodge

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreation Committee – Playscape Update – Richards reported that she and Dan Bemis had talked with Ethan King on the phone about playscape designs and possible costs but they need to learn more and are trying to set-up a meeting to obtain more information. Richards expects to meet again with Rec Comm in March to discuss options.
- Lead Fishing Tackle collection box update – Lefebvre reported that he delivered a tackle box to Mike Cloutier who will install it at the Recycling Center and let me know when that has been done.
- Insignia update – McPhie shared three sample t-shirts with the design by Lauren Cameron. The Commission decided on the one it liked and McPhie will obtain costs for the next meeting.
- Annett State Forest trails – Rubendall reported that he had talked with Scott Rolfe (SW regional forester for NH Natural & Cultural Resources Dept) about parking and trails at Annett. He also discussed issues with Tara Blainey, Annett's Park Ranger. Rubendall asked Rolfe for more public parking at Annett. Rolfe will push to have current old buildings removed as soon as possible so they can then move current gates back farther which will allow for more parking. April 8 was set as a target date for meeting with the Commission and Rolfe. (June 1 is national trails day) which Rubendall will try to arrange
- Conservation Corps meetings – Lefebvre reported that six Conservation Corps members attended the two meetings held in January to discuss how to have the Corps become more involved. He reported that those present were very interested in participating. Some members of the Corps identified conservation lands that they will walk on a regular basis and report to the Commission on any problems they find. A form was shared with the Commission that was developed for Corps members to use when visiting a park. Some editorial changes were suggested and the form will be sent to all Corps members. Lefebvre mentioned that he had shared the Commission's projects for the coming year and they were interested in helping but need to know dates.
- Resident Frank Dooley attended the meeting and indicated that part of the shed on the Battaglia property which had been discussed at earlier Commission meetings in January was on his property. Drouin explained wetlands requirements and regulations and told him to see Rindge Code Enforcement Officer and to keep aware of ZBA meetings where the property might be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological LLC. The Moosewood Ecological Draft Natural Resources Inventory report was discussed. Commission members asked for some editorial changes which Littleton said he would make for the final draft. Drouin asked Commission members to review the report and to send any proposed changes to Mellor by Feb. 25 who will coordinate them with Littleton. The report suggested that Rindge prepare a parcel based ecological assessment map that will be shared with the public. Mellor motioned and Preston seconded to have Littleton prepare such a map with a cost not exceed \$1200 from the Conservation Fund. All Commission members approved the motion. The Commission also signed the process form to pay the invoice for the Natural Resources Inventory from the Conservation Fund.
- Mellor explained that NH Fish & Game will use electric fishing equipment to identify fish in a stream. It does not hurt the fish but allows NH Fish and Game to identify where fish and types of fish are located in rivers and streams. Mellor will work with John McGee of NH F&G for a date to use the electric fish equipment at Tarbell Brook in Rindge
- Trail mapping subcommittee update – Dickler reported on the meeting with Lefebvre, Rubendall and Mellor on efforts to publish conservation land trails on the internet and print form. The Committee will try to have trail maps by May 1.
- Public notification methods – Dickler discussed the need to have a calendar of Commission events and work days available to the Corps and residents. She will bring options for a calendar for the next meeting.
- Intent to Cut, Map 9 Lot 13-1, David Cull, Ingalls Rd/Bowers Hill Rd – reviewed by Drouin.
- Jim & Lisa Trautwein came to the meeting asking for guidance with a pending NH DES Wetlands Permit Application for construction and demolition planned at their property located at 16 Quimby Road, Map 5 Lot 25. They explained the potential plans for reconstruction of his driveway and shed and their plans for Wetlands Permit Application which they shared with the Commission. They indicated they have already met with and showed NH DES representatives what they plan to do. They will file their application with NH DES. Drouin indicated they will also need a variance from ZBA. The Commission reviewed their application and signed it to allow the expedited wetlands permit application to go forward however, this did not mean the Commission has approved the plan with regard to town ordinances.

Mellor motioned and Dodge seconded to go into Non-public session. Commissioners were polled and all approved.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE

Preston motioned and Mellor seconded to leave the non-public session. Commission members were polled and all approved.

Mellor motioned and Simeone seconded to seal the minutes of the Non-public session. Commissioners were polled and all approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: for January 24, 2019. Preston motioned and Mellor seconded to approve Minutes of January 24, 2019. The Commission approved the Minutes with Rogers, Simeone and Desruisseaux abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES File No 2019-00357, Complete Forestry Notification, for David Cull.

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NH DES File 2019-00131, Map 37 Lot 6, Mountain Rd, Mason Hasket Both reviewed by Drouin.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Postage report of Jan 19, 2019 report was reviewed by Drouin.

NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2019

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm – Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre