

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes for February 28, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, William Preston, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Joseph Desruisseaux, Phil Simeone

Alternates in attendance: Paul McPhie, Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreation Committee – Playscape Update – Richards was unable to attend the Commission meeting but sent email that she would be meeting with Dan Bemis and the playscape designer on March 1
- Lead Fishing Tackle collection box update – Lefebvre reported that the box has been installed at the Recycling Center manager's cabin. Commission suggested placing a visible sign at the box. Also suggested were posting notices at different boat put-ins and at Pelletier's and to check the collection boxes on July 1. Simeone will obtain permission at North of the Border put-in.
- Insignia update – McPhie provided samples and prices for t-shirt, long-sleeve t-shirt and hoodie. Commission voted to have funds received from orders placed into the Conservation Fund and to pay invoices from that fund. The Commission voted to pay the set-up costs of the invoice from Little Stitches (\$87).
- Annett State Forest trails – Rubendall reported that he plans to meet in the spring with NH Forest staff that oversee Annett, walk over the property and to learn plans for additional parking on Cathedral Road and to learn their other plans for the park.
- Public notification methods – Dickler – reported on possibilities for notifying the public about Commission activities. She recommended notifying the Ingalls Librarian and the Recreation Director to place notices on their web sites. It was also recommended to use the Ledger-Transcript, Sentinel and Maryann Harper for events about spring, fall and winter experiences.
- Trail mapping subcommittee update – Dickler & Mellor. Mellor reported that trail maps have been published on the NH TrailFinder website. The subcommittee will meet and bring forward recommendations for providing trail information to the public. The Commission also suggested placing trail information notices at Kiosks that refer to the TrailFinder web site.
- Projects Update – Drouin no changes yet.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning Board consideration of an application for a Major Site Plan submitted by Christopher Stewart, Colonial Green Products, 1032 NH Route 119, Unit 6, Rindge NH, for property located on Route 202, Map 2 Lot 64 and Map 3, Lot 4-8 in the Business Light Industry Zoning District. The applicant is seeking approval for an office and warehouse/garage. The Commission reviewed the revised site plan provided by Mr. Stewart of Colonial Green Products and Carl Hagstrom and listened to concerns expressed by nearby residents about wetlands, stored material safety, wellhead protection, driveway issues and site monitoring.

The Commission reviewed the plans and found they conform to wetlands requirements. The plan now proceeds to the Planning Board for approval.

- Volunteer Hours – Preston requested that members regularly send him hours spent on Commission efforts.
- NH Charitable Fund contribution for Amy Sandback Wilderness – Lefebvre reported the annual check (about \$378.) from the NH Charitable Foundation and has been deposited to the Conservation Fund. Drouin explained the purpose of the fund.
- Schoolhouse Park - Lexan purchase for signage – Drouin reported that he has purchased sheets of lexan that will be used at the various kiosks to cover information placed on kiosks. The Commission will install the lexan and mark trails when good weather has arrived.
- NH/Rindge Regulations-Commission training – Lefebvre & Mellor. Lefebvre mentioned the need to conduct some training for Commission members concerning various Town and NH regulations. The Commission mentioned where various information can be found and that Commission members will be provided with the Handbook for Conservation Commissions from the NH ACC. Mellor motioned to spend up to \$100 to purchase NHACC manuals. Preston seconded the motion and all Commission members approved. Mellor will obtain the handbooks.
- Announcement - Workshop: Finding Mitigation Opportunities in Your Community Workshop, March 11, 2019, 4:00 – 6:15 p.m. UNH – Manchester, room 368, Contact Lisa Wise, 603-862-2356
- Announcement: State Conservation Grant Programs 2019 Funding Workshop, April 9, 8:30-11:30 am, NH DES, Concord. Two members from each town may attend.

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: February 11, 2019 Public and Non-Public Minutes. Simeone motioned and Present seconded to accept Public and Non-Public Minutes with changes as suggested.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES File 2019-0569, Notice of Acceptance of Permit Application, Map 5, Lot 25, 16 Quimby Rd – Reviewed by Drouin

FINANCIAL REPORTS: 1/31/19

NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2019

2019 Schedule of Meetings: April 8 & 25, May 13 & 23, June 10 & 27, July 8 & 25, Aug 12 & 22, Sept 9 & 26, Oct 14 (Columbus Day) & 24, Nov 11 (Veterans' Day), Dec 9.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre.

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