

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes for Meeting on March 28, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: William Preston, Al Lefebvre, Joseph Desruisseaux, Fred Rogers, Phil Simeone, Richard Mellor
Alternates in attendance: Paul McPhie, Deni Dickler

Meeting convened at 7:02 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreation Committee – Playscape Update – Richards reported she had met with the Recreation Committee about the natural play scape and a meeting with the Natural Playscape company and the public is scheduled for Thursday night, April 4 at 6:30 at Recreation/Community Center (NOTE: at the time these draft minutes were being prepared, the meeting date changed to April 23). The Recreation Committee is inviting the public especially those who live in the Tetreault Park area to the meeting as their input is important to identify which items to include on the play scape. The Rec Committee will publicize the meeting.
- Trail mapping subcommittee update – Dickler & Mellor – Dickler reported that the subcommittee met yesterday and worked on a folding document with trail maps that is planned for distribution to the public. A draft of the document was shared with the Commission. The subcommittee wants to place the links to the TrailFINDER maps on the town website and Lefebvre will place an announcement there.
- Commission t-shirts, etc. – Mc Phie reported that he has received about seven orders for t-shirts and hoodies with the new Rindge Conservation insignia designed by Laurel Cameron. He has worked with Michelle Christian at the Town Office to take orders there; people who order items will need to pay by check (made out to the Rindge Conservation Fund). McPhie will deliver order forms to Stitches Embroidery in Jaffrey and when ready will deliver them. The costs of the items which are available in various colors are: t-shirt \$11.00, long-sleeve t-shirt \$14.00; hoodie sweatshirt \$20.00, hat \$15.00.
- Schoolhouse Park - Lexan sign cover can be installed during the planned workday (see below); Commission members discussed the need for a property survey with markers and this will be discussed at next meeting.
- March 23 presentation and possible future presentation ideas – Commission members expressed positive feedback about the presentation on “Improving Wildlife Habitat on Your Land.” Generally, the Commission thought four presentations a year would be positive and held in March, May/June, Sept/Oct in January in addition to the four conservation land tours held in the summer. Mellor suggested the next presentation should be on the Natural Resources Inventory recently completed by Jeff Littleton and a late May presentation might be appropriate. This will be discussed at the next meeting in April and Mellor will contact Littleton on possible dates of availability.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board of Adjustment's consideration of Battaglia shed adjustment in wetlands at 46 Blakewell Rd at Map 43 Lot 1-23. The Commission may need more facts and discussed the possibility of a site walk. The Commission will discuss this at the April 8 Commission meeting.
- Schoolhouse Park workday – The Commission discussed conducting a workday at the park for April 27th to coincide with Arbor Day (April 26). Mc Phie will discuss with Drouin about visiting the park on April 20 to rough-out trails in preparation for trail clearing on April 27.
- Wildwood Camper Scholarship – Lefebvre reported that one application has so far been received. He will contact Maryann Harper to include a notice about the scholarships in her Monadnock Ledger-Transcript column.
- Earth Day – April 22
- Arbor Day – April 26 - Possible activities include requesting assistance from the Conservation Corps to plant pollinator plants at Rogers Landing. This and other activities will be discussed at the next meeting.
- April 4-6 pm at FPU Cheshire Hall Community Room– Franklin Pierce is holding a forum on how the university can address climate change
- Mellor reported on meeting on New England conservation officers and touched on climate change;

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

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

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

Mellor motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to seal the Minutes of this Non-Public meeting. Commissioners were polled and all approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Simeone motioned and Richards seconded to accept the Minutes of February 28. All approved with Rogers abstaining.

Simeone motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to accept the Public and Non-Public Minutes for March 11 with changes noted (adding Rogers as being in attendance). All approved the motion with Richards abstaining.

Desruisseaux motioned and Rogers seconded to accept the Public and Non-Public Minutes for March 20. All approved with Mellor and Simeone abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE –

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES Notice Map 5 Lot 25 DES permit issued to Trautwein

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2019

2019 Schedule of Meetings: April 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.

Simeone motioned and Mellor seconded to adjourn the meeting and all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre

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