

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

30 PAYSON HILL ROAD

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Minutes for Meeting on April 25, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: Al Lefebvre, Joseph Desruisseaux (served as acting Chair), Phil Simeone, Richard Mellor

Alternates in attendance: Paul McPhie, Deni Dickler, William Preston, Doreen Richards, Rob Rubendall

Meeting convened at 7:04 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreation Committee – Update on playscape meeting of April 18 for public. Four Commission members attended the meeting (Desruisseaux, Lefebvre, Dickler & Rubendall), two residents, a young boy, Selectman Oeser and Dan Bemis of the Rec Ctr. A presentation and explanation of a playscape was made by a Concord firm that designs playscapes. Commission members thought it was well worth the time to attend. The next step for the Rec Committee is to develop a design for what elements to include in the play scape.
- Trail mapping subcommittee update – Dickler – distributed to the Commission the final draft of the trail map design. Only 2 changes will be needed before printing (fix Converse arrow and test links as printed). Mellor reported on the costs for printing about 200 copies for distribution to the public. Lefebvre will arrange for copying on somewhat strong legal-size paper.
- Commission t-shirts, etc. – Mc Phie distributed t-shirts that members had purchased. Lefebvre explained a form to use to deliver collected payments to Carol Donovan to the Conservation Fund.
- Projects Update – none to report
- Schoolhouse Park workday April 27 at 9:00 am – reminder to Commissioners about work/clean-up day at the park, rain or shine and to bring saw, loppers, etc.
- Wildwood Camper Scholarship (3) Lefebvre reported that the Commission had received three applications and read each letter. Camperships were awarded based on letters received which Lefebvre read aloud to the Commission. Selections were made temporarily until the application deadline. Lefebvre will award the camperships on the deadline based on applications received and will notify recipients and non-recipients.
- Arbor Day – April 26 - McPhie reported that he and Drouin had planted 10 American chestnut trees.
- Natural Resource Inventory Presentation – Mellor – reported that Jeff Littleton will make his presentation to the public on Thursday May 23 at the Rec. Ctr at 7:00 pm. Lefebvre reported that the Rec Ctr had been reserved for that date.
- Colonial Green project and role of Conservation Commission. Fourteen residents were present and requested that the Commission reconsider its earlier action on the Colonial Green project. The residents requested that the Commission look at the misrepresentation of setbacks for wetlands and to look closely at the hazardous material that was going to be stored on the property. The Town's regulations require a setback of 125 feet for hazardous material near a wetland. The residents explained that the building plans show a setback of 110 feet. The Commission agreed to take another look at the plans at its next meeting and will recon-

sider its action with a possible letter to be sent to the Planning Board for reconsideration. The residents plan to appeal the Planning Board's decision.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fishing tackle announcement & Picture – Lefebvre shared Ledger article on fishing tackle collection box and plan to place a notice at locations in Rindge and Jaffrey.
- Conservation land tour schedule for summer – Dickler requested preferred dates for summer tours as the deadline for the Chamber of Commerce newsletter is May 10. The following dates were selected: June 23 (Contoocook); July 14 (Tetreault), August 18 (Converse), Sept 22 (Merriam Hunt)
- Pearly Pond Management – Preston reported that NH study shows high levels of phosphorus levels in the Pond some of which has been handled by reduced level of Canada geese. There was damage to the filtration system and will be repaired. Rain gardens on several private land owner properties have helped to reduce phosphorus levels. There is concern for the salt being used on roads near the pond. In addition, the study indicates there may be e-coli near the Lakeview apartments due to a possible septic problem. Beaver dams are also causing some problems. FPU is doing some upgrades to its wastewater treatment center which may provide some improvement. The NH grant for the project has been extended for another year to help clear the phosphorus problem.
- Rubendall reported that he has been in contact with NH State Forest concerning Annett State Park and plan to meet at the wayside park in the next few weeks. He will let Lefebvre know the meeting date who will pass it along to Commission members.
- Intent to Cut, Map 9 Lot 8 Kimball Rd., Edward & Carmen Van Blarcom reviewed by Desruisseaux. The Commission expressed concern with the area of this cut.
- Intent to Cut, Map 2, Lot 45, Dale Farm Dr., Jamison Van Dyke – reviewed by Desruisseaux.
- Intent to Cut, Map 6, Lot 19, 1410 NH Route 119, Willis Fogg - reviewed by Desruisseaux.

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: April 8, 2011

Someone motioned and McPhie seconded to approve the public and non-public Minutes of April 8, 2019. Commissioners approved the motion.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2019

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

Adjourned at 9:20

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