

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on June 10, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Joseph Desruisseaux, Paul McPhie, Fred Rogers

Alternates in attendance: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, William Preston, Doreen Richards

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Natural Resource Inventory Presentation, review – The May 23 presentation was discussed and although there was a light turn-out of attendees, Commission members thought it went well. The Secretary will reach out to the Planning Board to make sure it received a copy of the report and to learn if they would like to meet to discuss it. The Secretary will also post the report on the Commission's website. Lefebvre suggested posting the Natural Habitat posters at the Ingalls Memorial Library.
- Schoolhouse Park workday – The Commission expressed its appreciation to those who helped at the workday and to Fred Dodge for his chipper and to Jim Trautwein (Conservation Corp member) for help with his tractor. An Open House for the neighborhood was discussed but decided a fall date will be discussed at a later time. Paul McPhie will put-up trail markers once more are ordered. The Commission on a motion by Lefebvre and seconded by Desruisseaux, voted to spend up to \$350 from the Conservation Fund for additional trail markers.
- Tetreault Park/play scape update – Richards reported she met with Recreation Committee on June 3. They have may some funds available to use to develop the play scape. The Rec Committee is soliciting opinions on favorite choices for playscapes ones that receive the most votes will be posted in late June and then final choices will be selected based on public vote. The Rec Comm will then ask contractors and others for assistance in creating the selected play scapes. It is hoped to get work started in late Sept/Oct. It was suggested that the Rec Comm put-up a laminate picture near the road of how the play scape will look poster.
- Robertson Site Review – Drouin reviewed the site review report of May 21 for the Commission but because Mr. Robertson did not attend the meeting, no further discussion took place.
- Annett State Forest update – meeting with Tara Blaney (South Region Park Director), Scott Rolfe (Forest Ranger) and Will Kirkpatrick (Monadnock State Park) update on meeting. Mc Phie reported that he, Desruisseaux, Rubendall and Mellor attended the meeting in May. McPhie believes the state now has better idea of what is needed and later called Ms. Blaney who said that so far,

they had not done anything. He asked about trails but again they have done nothing. He mentioned that Commission would like to see the area opened better for the public to see and Ms. Blaney indicated that the State was open to that. McPhie mentioned that the building needs a new roof but the State seem to be more interested in knocking it down. The inside of the building is post & beam and could still be used. Richards will contact Ms. Blaney to learn more information. Dickler will find out about the Friends of Pisgah and its arrangement with the State for Mt. Pisgah state Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- BOA Case # 1120 consideration of Battaglia shed adjustment in wetlands at 46 Blakeville Rd., Map 43 Lot 1-23. Mr. Battaglia told the Commission that NH DES requires only a 20-foot wetland setback for an accessory structure. Drouin and the Commission pointed out that Town regulations approved by the Town requires a 50-foot setback to protect its water. Mr. Battaglia said he did not understand why state only requires 20 feet while Rindge requires 50. Drouin explained that towns can establish more stringent regulations in order to protect its ponds and lakes. The Commission voted to hold a site review on June 19 at 6:00 pm.
- BOA Application for a Variance, Case #1128 – Wendy Ashe & David Misner, Map 40 Lot 4, 65 Cleaves Rd – The Commission reviewed the plans for the proposed changes. The Commission found that there was only a slight increase in impervious material and that the changes are not as close to the pond as before. The Commission recommended the use of gutters to direct rain water away from the pond and to use natural plantings or crushed stone around the perimeter to also keep water from Pool Pond. Drouin will draft an opinion letter to the BOA. Lefebvre motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the variance. All approved.
- Trails sub-committee-Hunt Forest Trail Extension. Drouin explained about a possible loop trail at the Forest. The trail will be marked and then cleared of brush.
- Trail Maintenance: Tetreault Park and Town Forest. Drouin reported that some trees are down along the trails and need to be cut; clearing brush is also needed. It would take about four people to do the work. The Commission set June 22nd at 8:00 am to do the work.
- Intent to Cut, Map3, Lot 4-8, Christopher Stewart, Route 202S – Drouin reviewed for RCC
- Commission duties/training – NHACC Handbooks – Lefebvre will contact the NHACC for handbooks
- ROST meeting – Preston and Lefebvre reported on the quarterly meeting in Milford. Information about possible grant opportunities were discussed by Mason and Wilton. A member from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission was present who explained new software that was available for conservation usage.

Lefebvre 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

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: May 13, 2019 Preston motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Public Minutes as corrected. All Commission members approved. (Rogers abstained. Preston motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Public Minutes as corrected. All Commission members approved. (Rogers abstained).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

NEXT MEETING: June 27, 2019

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

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre