

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on June 27, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Fred Rogers, Phil Simeone

Alternates in attendance: William Preston, Doreen Richards

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tetreault Park review – Commissioners in attendance at the Tetreault workday on June 15 reported that a total of 7 people helped with the effort including 2 members of the Conservation Corps (Bibby and Schenk). Mowing took place from the Town Forest to near the rails-to-trails and to the intersection with the power lines as well as removing brush and cutting-up downed trees. The team spent 2.5 hours each working on the park and forest.
- Walking Tour update - only one resident took the walk with Fred Dodge and Deni Dickler at Contoocook on June 23. The next walk is scheduled for July 14 at Tetreault under Richards' leadership. Lefebvre reported he had placed the hike on the Monadnock-Ledger calendar.
- Trails sub-committee- McPhie reported that he had walked the proposed new trail at the Hunt Memorial Forest. The Commission felt it was worth putting in a small amount of time clearing and marking the trail. The new trail goes uphill from the current main trail toward the Knight property to a stone wall and then loops back to the min trail. The trail will need markers.
- Annett State Forest update – Lefebvre reported he had visited Annette State Park in the morning and that the State has done enough clearing to see the existing building. The road into the park is open. Richards will continue contact with the State to see what other work is planned.
- Richards reported that the play scape is moving forward and reminded the Commission to submit playscape choices soon as children will vote on the various choices at the end of July. The Commission discussed potential work that may need to be done so planners can see the landscape; the Commission and Rec Committee may need to devote some worktime to the effort.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commission duties/training – Lefebvre shared NHACC Handbooks that were obtained from the NHACC to those who wanted one.
- Planning Board response to Commission's letter on Colonial Green – Lefebvre reported the Commission had received an acknowledgement letter from the Planning Board that basically said it could not comment on the Commission's letter on the advice of counsel. The Commission reviewed the final plans for the property that were approved by the Planning Board.
- July 7 meeting? Commissioners discussed the need for a meeting on July 7 because a number of members would be away. It was decided to cancel the meeting but Drouin may convene a Site Review, if necessary, from members still in Town.

- July 11 – Lefebvre reminded the Commission that it has been asked to make a presentation to the Women’s Club on July 11 at 6:30 at the Rec Ctr. He will ask the Club what topics they would like addressed.
- Lefebvre reported that Reviewed Mellor had emailed to report that he had attended Southwest regional natural resources committee meeting on Wednesday on the importance of water. He obtained a book by the presenter, Jim Rousmaniere, which will be available in the Commission’s mailbox for anyone to read.

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: June 10, 2019 Public – Richards motioned and Preston seconded to approve the Minutes of the Public session on June 10. All of the Commission approved. Rogers motioned and McPhie seconded to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public meeting on June 10. The Commission approved with Richards and Simeone abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Budget report as of May 31, 2019 Drouin reviewed with the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: July 25, 2019

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes recoded by Al Lefebvre