

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Minutes for July 25, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Joseph Desruisseaux, Al Lefebvre, Richard Mellor,  
Alternates in attendance: William Preston, Rob Rubendall, Deni Dickler  
Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Women's Club presentation – July 12, 2019 – Drouin recounted the event. Along with Richards and Lefebvre the presentation was made to the Rindge Women's Club. Lefebvre reported that a number of people had told him since then that it was a terrific presentation and attendees appreciated the work of the Commission. Attendees were very interested in the Wildlife Action Plans that were displayed. Lefebvre said he would keep and improve the Power Point presentation for future use.
- Walking Tour update (Tetreault & Converse Meadow) – The Commission discussed the tour of Tetreault Park and the August tour of Converse Meadow. McPhie will conduct the walking tour while Preston will conduct the canoe/kayak tour. Lefebvre reported that he had already submitted a calendar notice to the Ledger-Transcript.
- Trails sub-committee- Hunt Forest Trail Extension - Drouin reported that he and McPhie had walked the spur trail off the main trail and indicated that not much brushing/clearing is need to make the trail more usable for the public. Drouin will contact a few members to spend a small amount of time clearing brush.
- Trail Maintenance: Miriam Hunt Memorial Forest – Preston reported that the Monadnock Conservancy will walk/review this area on the following day (July 26) and he plans to join them.
- e-Fishing update – Mellor – reported on the results of fish survey at Tarbell Brook. He shared pictures of the event which will be used by Lefebvre for a story for the Ledger-Transcript.
- Annett State Forest & volunteer update – The Commission discussed the efforts of NH Parks to open-up the "picnic" area at Annett State Forest. Staff from Mt Monadnock State Park will now visit the park regularly and clean latrines. NH Parks and Recreation are looking for volunteers to help at the Annette and Richards sent the link for that purpose.
- NHACC Handbooks – Lefebvre distributed the handbooks to those who did not have one.
- Play scape update – At the Women's presentation Richards reported that the Rec Committee has narrowed down the choices of playscapes that will be the focus of their efforts in the coming year.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Trail markers and Voss Invoice – The invoice was signed by the Commission
- Little Stitches Invoice – Lefebvre – The invoice was signed by the Commission
- Parking maintenance at School House Park, Converse Meadow & Tetreault – Drouin reviewed the need for more fill at the School House Park parking area. He also reported that fill and gravel is needed at Converse Meadow. Mellor will contact suppliers for estimates for two ten-

wheel truckloads of material for Schoolhouse and the same at Converse Meadow. The parking area at Schoolhouse Park needs to be wider and flatter.

- Recreational Trails Program, DNCR-Parks & Rec-Trails Bureau update on Contoocook Marsh visit by Alexis Rudko, Program Specialist, on July 9 – Mellor & Desruisseaux. Mellor reported that he met the DNCR staff at the Contoocook Marsh Complex to review the Commission's work. DNCR had granted money to this complex and wanted to see the results. They posted a sign at the kiosk mentioning the grant money.
- Q2C grants program. They offer small grants for covering transaction costs (appraisals, surveys, etc.) for Schoolhouse Park? The Q2C program grants small funds for conservation projects and Preston discussed a possible grant to pay for a formal survey of the park. Lefebvre contact Jed Paquin to ask him to do a survey before heavy snow.
- Rails-to-Trails vandalism – Desruisseaux reported on the vandalism to the bridge along the rails-to-trail. This bridge is used heavily by walkers and by snowmobiles in the winter. Jaffrey police were informed of the significant damage.
- Converse Meadow bridge repair & camping for Wildwood Camp, July 19-20, Lefebvre reported that Wildwood had signed a camping application for Converse Meadow for July 19-20. Drouin reported on the repair work completed at the walking bridge at Converse Meadow on July 20. The bridge was re-supported and rotting planks removed.
- Dickler asked for suggestions and contacts for a Commission presentation in September in order to insert a story in the Chamber of Commerce's newsletter. Mellor will contact Matt Barr for Oct 5 or 19 and will report to Dickler at results
- Kimball Rd Dry Hydrant – Permit by Notification Application – Drouin reviewed the application from the Rindge Fire Department. The Commission approved the application.

Desruisseaux motioned and Mellor 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.

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

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** June 27, 2019 Approval of Minutes postponed to August 12.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**OFFICIAL NOTICES** – NH DES Notice # 2019-01938, wetlands permit violation for installing bridge without permit. Map 2/3 Lot 64/4-8, Colonial Green, Christopher Stewart – Drouin reviewed the notice from NH DES with the Commission

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Postage report and Budget Report as of June 30, 2019 – reviewed by Drouin with the Commission

**NEXT MEETING:** August 12, 2019

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

*Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*

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