

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on August 22, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Phil Simeone, Joseph Desruisseaux, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers
Alternates in attendance: William Preston, Doreen Richards, Deni Dickler
Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Walking Tour update - Converse Meadow on Aug 18 (Miriam Hunt on Sept 22) – Preston reported 5 paddlers but no hikers for the day and those present enjoyed the paddle tour. Lefebvre will place the next hike on the calendar of the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.
- Trail maintenance – Drouin indicated that mowing is only needed at Rogers Landing in September. Richards will do mowing at the Town Forest on Labor Day weekend. A work date will be set for placing a well cover at Schoolhouse Park.
- Annett State Park Volunteers – Richards reported that the State Dept of Parks & Recreation will set a date for a work day at Annett to clear trails. It will let the Commission know to assist in the project.
- Recreation playscape – Richards plans to meet with Dan Bemis and National Playgrounds staff during the second week in September in Concord about current ideas. Desruisseaux suggested putting some pipes underground at Tetreault Park from the road to the cabin for future electrical connections when work on the parking area commences; the Commission agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Q2C grants program. Preston explained that this program offers small grants for covering transaction costs (appraisals, surveys, etc.) however when he contacted the Forest Society our survey at Schoolhouse Park would not be eligible since the Town already owns it. He was informed though that the Commission could apply for funds next year for a small grant for trail clearing, a bridge or for parking lot improvement.
- Desruisseaux shared gravel prices he had obtained for fill at the Schoolhouse parking lot. Mellor indicated that he was also going to contact Stenerson for a price who would also be asked about spreading the material. Desruisseaux indicated that gravel at Schoolhouse park would require 25 tons of 1.5-inch crushed gravel (which equals about 18 yards). Four loads would be required for Schoolhouse park and two loads for Converse.
- Robertson BOA application – Drouin reported there had been no reply from Robertson to the Commission's request for a site visit and that the BOA had not yet received an application from Robertson. The Commission would be unable to respond to any application without additional information. Robertson has only provided DES with basic information while there are questions about the current structure that he wants to replace.
- Trash and camping at Converse Meadow. Lefebvre reported that he had received an email from a resident about trash from a group that had camped without permission at Converse

Meadow. During the walk/paddle tour, he and McPhie hiked to the camping area and found lots of trash around the site and at the campfire circle that had been used. Lefebvre and McPhie cleaned the area and brought out trash. Lefebvre shared a draft for a laminated sign at the camping area informing potential campers of camping requirements (must apply for permission, have a fire permit and must carry out all trash). The signs would be placed on each platform. Camping applications are available at the Town Office and online.

- Land Alliance Trust Stewardship Protocols; Lefebvre reviewed these protocols which the Commission had approved last year. He also shared a draft of a land management spreadsheet to track work efforts on the various conservation lands. Commission members thought it was a useful idea to track this information. The Commission discussed setting a date to walk the Commission's easement on property along Fox Run and Contoocook Marsh.
- October presentation – Dickler requested ideas for a presentation. One suggestion was for a presentation about the Pearly Pond Management Plan. Rogers will speak with Katherine Konig of FPU about a possible presentation.

Simeone 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 Simeone 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: August 12, 2019. Simeone motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes and all Commissioners approved with Rogers abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES: NH DES File NO. 2019-02307, Shoreland Permit Application, Map 49 Lot 24, 42 Golf Course Lane, Jed Paquin for Dawn Gallagher. Drouin reviewed NH DES file No. 2019-01938, Map 2/3, Lot 64/4-8, Route 202, Colonial Green, Christopher Stewart, no further action with regards to bridge construction; did not impact banks or bed of brook. Drouin reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2019

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

Adjourned at 9:00

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre