

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for September 9, 2019

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Trail maintenance – Drouin indicated that the only mowing presently needed is at Rogers Landing which will be done in the following weeks.
- Converse Meadow and future kiosk windows – Lefebvre reported that he had finished clearing the trash at Converse Meadow and had placed signs about proper procedures for camping at the site. He also recommended that future kiosk plexiglass be installed with hinges so additional information can be inserted inside more easily.
- October Presentation – Dickler – Katherine Koning of Franklin Pierce has agreed to put on a presentation about the efforts of the Pearly Pond Association at that pond to properly maintain it. The presentation will take place on Oct 19 at Recreation/Community Center at 10:00 a.m. once Lefebvre reserves the room through the Rec Director. Mellor later mentioned that Hillary Snook is willing to put on a presentation on cyanobacteria at lakes and ponds and that it might be good to have the two presentations on the same day. All agreed and Mellor will contact Snooker to confirm. Dickler will prepare an article for the newspaper about the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

- Van Dyke tree cutting at Goddard Rd – Drouin & Mellor. Drouin shared pictures of the area on Goddard Road that was cut without proper permits from the Town or NH DES. The Town has issued a cease & desist order to the owner Mrs. Van Dyke. DES has also sent letter to Van Dyke about tree cutting without filing for permits in a wetland area.
- Robertson Application to BOA Case # 1125 Drouin. The Commission discussed Robertson's current plans for an additional secondary structure on his property at Map 21 Lot 18. Mr. Robertson feels he has met all the necessary requirements to build although NH DES has revoked his Shoreline Permit. The Commission pointed out that the plans do not adequately meet the setback requirements or the requirements for handling impervious requirements due to the new additional structure being much larger. Robertson said he would update his plans with dimensional information. Robertson indicated he is going to obtain the services of an attorney to represent him to the BOA. According to Robertson, the BOA told him he needs to apply for a special exception. The Commission discussed the issue and will prepare a letter to the BOA about its concerns.
- Schoolhouse Park parking area – Mellor presented two estimates for work at the parking area at Schoolhouse Park. The Commission decided to use the estimate from Jon Flagg and Mellor motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to accept that bid with work to be done before winter and snow. All members approved.

- Rindge Wetlands Maps – Dickler asked for clarification as to where to locate the Town’s wetlands map. She was directed to the Planning Office, the Code Enforcement Office or the National Wetlands Inventory Granit website.
- Final NRI Report - Lefebvre reported that the Commission is in receipt of the Final NRI report from Jeff Littleton and it will be placed in the files.

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: August 22, 2019 – Simeone motioned and Desruisseaux seconded to approve the minutes of the Public and Non-public meetings of August 22. Lefebvre noted one typo error. The Commission approved all minutes with the change as noted.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OFFICIAL NOTICES – NH DES notice 2018-01972 to Earl Robertson on withdrawal of approval for shoreline permit application

NH DES Notice 2019-02768 to Kathleen Van Dyke concerning violations on her property for failure to maintain vegetation within the waterfront buffer, excavated the buffer area and failed to install and maintain appropriate erosion and sediment controls without a permit or proper authorization.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Budget Report as of Aug.31, 2019; Land use change report. Reviewed by Drouin with the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: September 26, 2019

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

Adjourned at 9:30

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre