

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes for September 26, 2019

Conservation Commission members present: Al Lefebvre, Paul McPhie, Phil Simeone, Joseph Desruisseaux, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers

Alternates in attendance: Deni Dickler, Rob Rubendall, Fred Dodge

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

### OLD BUSINESS

- Trail maintenance – Lefebvre reported for Drouin that trees are down at the Town Forest, east toward the rail trail and a team will need to clear them. Dickler reported that the Town Forest is out of maps which she will address.
- October Presentation – Dickler and Mellor reported that the presentation about the effects of cyanobacteria on ponds/lakes and on the Pearly Pond Management program is all set for October 19 (10:00 am with 9:30 set-up time). It has been posted on the Town's web site and will shortly appear in the Ledger-Transcript. Dickler will handle coffee and Lefebvre the donuts for the event.
- Van Dyke tree cutting at Goddard Rd – the Commission discussed the tree cutting and that the Town issued a Cease & Desist order and notifications from NH DES about the actions taken at the property without permits.
- Draft letter to BOA regarding Robertson Application – the Commission reviewed the draft letter to the Board of Adjustment and had no problems with its content.
- Miriam Hunt Walking Tour – Rogers reported that 8 people participated on this tour that went for 1 ½ hours. It was well received by attendees. Rogers, Dodge and Dickler recommended that benches be placed along the trail at wetlands, at the start of the new route and at the top of new route. The trail toward at the wetlands needs to be widened (possible project for Conservation Corps?). The attendees also recommended a winter walk at the Miriam Hunt forest.
- Climate change presentation – Dickler suggested a presentation with a pamphlet that addresses climate change concerns for resident. Since this will be discussed at the annual NHACC Meeting in November, it was suggested that some members attend appropriate sessions and identify local issues for a possible presentation.
- Playscape – Richards sent an email about the current status of the playscape. The assisting firm expressed concern that there may not be sufficient interest and support from the Town given the lack of attendance at the May presentation. It was noted that the presentation was made at a busy time of the year and on a difficult evening. Should another presentation at a better time of year and time of day considered? Also, the Commission wanted to know if the playscape company has visited the site? The Commission explained further that it will handle a parking area and has already supported a new cabin roof but has no additional funds for the playscape itself.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Trail Finder map update – Dickler suggested adding Schoolhouse Park to the conservation map at the next iteration in late winter/early spring along with the new trail on the Miriam Hint property. The Commission agreed.
- Large scale solar regulations – Dickler asked if the Commission wanted to partner with the Rindge Energy Commission about solar regulations. The Commission noted that such regulations are the purview of the Planning Board.
- Mellow reported that Jon Flagg brought gravel material to the Schoolhouse parking area and will spread it at a later date.
- Junkyard application – The Board of Selectmen will continue the Hearing on the proposed junkyard in Rindge on Route 202 at its next meeting on October 3.
- Intent to Cut – Nicholas Pangiotos, 195 Old Jaffrey Road, Map 10 Lot 27-3. Some concerns were expressed by Dickler about this cutting that may be too close to wetlands. Lefebvre will contact the Forest Ranger.
- Wetlands Permit by Notification, Rindge Fire Dept, Kimball Rd., Map 39, Lot 21 was previously reviewed and approved.
- NHACC Conference on Nov 2 – registration is now available for all members. Lefebvre shared the program schedule. Members should register online early and will be reimbursed after the conference.
- ATV damage at Town Forest – by email, Drouin reported that he saw a fair amount of ATV activity at the Town Forest. He took pictures and suggested we need to continue monitoring this prohibited activity. It may be time to put out the Commission’s cameras at the property; McPhie indicated he will work with Drouin on this.
- Mellor reported that the Cheshire County annual potluck dinner will take place at Stonewell Farm on Oct. 8 at 5:00-7:30 and he encouraged members to attend.

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

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** September 9, 2019 – Someone motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes as amended. The Commission approved with Rogers, Dodge, Preston and Rubendall abstaining.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**OFFICIAL NOTICES** – NH DES notice 2019-02485 Shoreland Permit Application for Kenneth and Susan Weinstein at 77 County Rd., Map 47 Lot 1. Reviewed by Desruisseaux with the Commission.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** October 14, 2019

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

Lefebvre motioned and Rogers seconded to adjourn the meeting and the Commission approved.  
Adjourned at 8:45 pm. *Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre*

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