

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting of October 24, 2019

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

Alternates in attendance: Deni Dickler, Bill Preston, Doreen Richards

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- Trail maintenance – trees down on Town Forest. Rubendall had indicated at last meeting that he would go out; Mellor said he would go too. Drouin will cut at Rodgers Landing with Mellor.
- October 19 Pearly Pond and Cyanobacteria presentation. Dickler reported that the 30 attendees were very positive about the presentations. Dicker will send thank you letters to the presenters.
- Playscape – Richards/Mellor reported that contact has been made with the Director of grounds and maintenance at the Acton Children's Museum which has a play scape and he is willing to come to Rindge and help with Rindge's design; they will follow through and report at future meeting. It was recommended that a Rec Comm subcommittee be formed with interested members and with people from the Tetreault neighborhood to help move the project forward.
- NHACC Conference on Nov 2 – travel and sessions. Commission members will attend the annual meeting and will meet at 7:00 am at the Town Office to pool driving to Pembroke.
- Bench donation update – Lefebvre reported that he is looking into the possibility of getting a bench donated by Franklin Pierce students for Schoolhouse Park.
- Jaffrey-Rindge School Facilities meeting Oct 26 (8:30-3:00) at JRMS/Conant – just a reminder to members.
- Schoolhouse Park and Converse Meadow gravel update – Mellor reported that Jon Flagg's excavator will be ready Saturday and he will then begin spreading gravel that he placed in the parking area and the wood chips from Fred Dodge. Mellor has not talked yet with Flagg about Converse Meadow but will do so.
- Turtle signs. Lefebvre reported that he talked with Mike Cloutier about the turtle signs previously ordered. Cloutier said he had them and could place them where needed, probably in the spring. The Commission indicated it preferred the signs go up before winter where needed on Abel Rd and Robbins Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dickler reported that the Chamber of Commerce's newsletter deadline is November 9 for the winter issue (December-February) and asked for suggestions. It was suggested that mention be made of a future night walk for the public on New Year's Day or after Valentine Day's. Another suggested item was to encourage residents to put out and fill bird feeders after the bears have gone into hibernation (late November/early December). The annual count of birds is indicating smaller numbers of many species and this might help with increasing the count that is taken in future Februaries.

- Earth Day 50th anniversary 2020. Dickler mentioned that Earth Day is April 22nd (Wed) and the Commission may want to consider/plan appropriate projects (for April 18 or 25) and presentations. Action. Presentation.
- Natural History of the Monadnock region on Nov 16. Preston and Rogers are planning to attend this presentation in Keene and various sessions.
- Cheshire County Conservation bowling 11-2:00. Mellor mentioned that the Cheshire County Conservation Commissioners is planning this fund raiser in Keene to help their county conservation efforts. \$20 in Keene for 3 hours of bowling.

Simeone 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

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Oct 14, 2019. Lefebvre asked to include Preston as present. Simeone motioned Dickler seconded to approve the public and non-public Minutes with the proposed change. All approved with Rogers and Richards abstaining.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EMAILS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICIAL NOTICES –

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day),

2019 Schedule of Meetings: Dec 9, Jan 13, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre