



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission
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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Thursday, March 10, 2015
7:00pm**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice-President
Jordan Bailey, Member
Tom Roger, Alternate
Brendan Denchy, Selectboard Representative

Absent: Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Tom to vote for Evan.

BCC Member

Jay made a motion to recommend to the Selectboard that Tom Rogers become a full member of the Conservation Commission with a term expiring in March of 2018. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2015 both public and non-public as amended. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Saving Special Places

Buddy said if anyone is interested the Saving Special Places conference is coming up on April 11, 2015 in Weare NH. You will need to sign up soon if you wish to attend.

Public Hearing on Lot H-49

Buddy opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice "This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Funds in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) plus any associated closing costs for the acquisition of lot H-49. This lot is located off Kecy Road consisting of 44.9 acres."

Jay said lot H-49 was a smaller lot owned by Arnold and Eleanor Amidon. They have completed a lot line adjustment and entered into a purchased and sales agreement with the Amidon's for lot H-49. Lot H-49 after the lot line adjustment will consist of 44.9 Acres. The Lot Line Adjustment was approved by the Planning Board in February 2015. After this purchase this area will consist of about 500 acres of contiguous land. Jordan said this is a great piece of property the last time she was out in this area there was a lot of wildlife and it abuts Beaver Brook Property. Eric Hahn (abutter) asked if connecting Town trails with Beaver brook Trails would be something they would be willing to look into. He said when he was on the Conservation Commission this was something he was trying to accomplish to

connect the trails. **Eric** also said he wanted it on the record that mountain bikes are not allowed in this area. They had a few extensive conversations about this when this area was purchased. **Jay** said he was not aware this area was designated as such and would look into it.

Donna Marsh asked Jay how they came up with this price for this property it just seems like a lot of money. **Jay** said this property has a lot of value to the town where it may not be as valuable to other. This will make this area about 500 contiguous acres. The value of land has not gone down much in the last few years. He believes they are right in the median with this purchase price. This property in his opinion is worth the purchase price for the town. **Drew Kellner** (Brookline Resident) said he was happy that they town is able to buy this property. **Jay made a motion to remove \$375,000 plus any associated legal fees and closing costs associated with this purchase to be removed from the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

L-Chip discussion

Buddy said Tad, Jordan, and Jay has a phone conversation about why they didn't receive the L-chip grant. **Jay** said they were misinformed about what the L-chip board was looking for. They should have had a Board member go to the L-Chip grant meeting. **Jordan** said next time they apply they now know what the L-Chip Board is looking for. **Jay** said L-chip has changed the way they do things now and will be meeting with the applicant or towns who apply for the grant and reviewing the properties.

Wallace Brook Drive Wetlands Permit for Lot J-33-30, Glendale Homes

Buddy said just to update the Board a few members had met with Spencer Tate from Meridian Land Services on a Saturday to review the property before making a decision to sign the Wetlands Permit. **Buddy** said the owner of the property opted to just go through the State and skip the Conservation Commission approval. The State has approved the permit and the approval was in the mail folder for tonight's meeting.

GRANIT

Jordan said Christina from NRPC has been working with GRANIT to update their system. Brookline's conservation lands will be marked orange on the maps instead of green as they have been labeled in the past once these lots are covered by a conservation easement the lot will be green.

Newly Reclaimed Rail Road Bed between South Main Street and Oak Hill Road

Jay said he received photos today from Kevin Majeski with the Brookline IceBreakers Snowmobile Club of an ATV side by side that is on the trail but stuck right next to the sign that says no wheeled vehicles. He has forwarded them along to Todd with Fish and Game and he will be dealing with this tomorrow. **Jordan** said she has spoken to snowmobilers before and explained that this trail is not open for snowmobilers and they go through anyways.

Non-Public Session

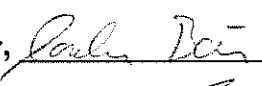
Jordan made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A-3, II for the discussion of possible land acquisition and they will immediately adjourn the meeting. Also inviting Drew Kellner to stay for the non-public session. Jay seconded. Roll call vote Buddy voted yes, Jay voted yes, Jordan voted yes, Brendan voted yes, Tom voted yes.

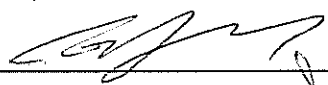
Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Jordan seconded. Roll call vote Buddy voted yes, Jay voted yes, Jordan voted yes, Brendan voted yes, Tom voted yes.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, 

Tom Rogers, Alternate, 

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, 

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on April 14, 2015