



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Conservation Commission
SITE WALK AT 6:30 PM**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Representative

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, Jordan Bailey, Member, and Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative.

SITE WALK AT UPPER BARTELL TRAIL AT 6:30PM

Tom, Drew, Brendan, Eric and Jerry did the walk-through with Drew pointing out the areas that were described in the grant application that needed improvement. Buddy stayed in the parking lot. The primary purpose of the project is to solve drainage problems, cover exposed roots caused by erosion and remove large boulders and rocks that present a hazard to snowmobiles.

When we got back to the parking lot, Jerry read from the following prepared list of concerns:

1. With the exception of the two spots needing drainage improvements, the rest of the trail is fine as it is for hiking, trail running, snowshoeing and horseback riding.
2. We already have enough snowmobile trails in town. We need more hiking/biking trails.
3. Snowmobiles speeding down Upper Bartell present a hazard to snowshoes and hikers.
4. "Paving" the trail may invite ATVs to use it.
5. Aesthetically speaking, it spoils the natural beauty of the trail.

A discussion ensued. Tom and Drew agreed with some of Jerry's points, but support the project because the trail is already a documented snowmobile trail and it needs improvement. They

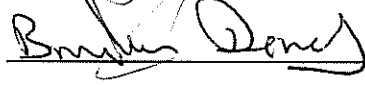
suggested a gate at the power lines to stop ATVs and signs to limit snowmobile speed. Brendan supports the project because it will add another accessible trail for people who aren't die hard hikers. Buddy was supportive of the project's snowmobile focus saying that RTP grants are exclusively funded by snowmobile licenses with no contribution from hikers or mountain bikers.

Eric was designated to vote for Jordan and Brendan voted for Ron. The project was approved unanimously.

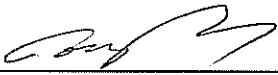
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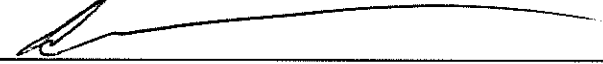
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Minutes submitted by Jerry Jaworski

Next meeting will be held on July 10, 2018.