



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

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**Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Conservation Commission
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jordan Bailey, Member
Tom Rogers, Member
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative
Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Rep.

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Buddy asked **Drew** to vote for Jay tonight. **Drew** agreed.

Minutes

Drew made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018 as written.
Jordan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Drew made a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018 as written. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Trial Discussion

Tom said there is another tree down on in the Fessenden Woods and he would like to know if someone would go out with him to cut it down just as a safety precaution.
Jerry and **Drew** said they would meet **Tom** out there on Saturday at 9:00am.

Tom said the stone house bridge is now completed.

Nissitissit River Parkway

Drew said he had no updates for this project. He is waiting to hear back for the easement.
Tom said they really need to hold an open house. **Drew** agreed they should set a date for the unveiling of this project. **Michele Decoteau** said she would have Alex Decoteau get in

touch with the Drew about a date for him to unveil the kiosk he built. **Brendan** said we should reach out to the Fessenden Family and the Joki Family to invite them to the event. **Jordan** suggested the spring.

Stickney Brook Trail

Drew asked if they were in good standing with the abutters of the Stickney Brook Trail. **Tom** said he hadn't heard anything from them and as they left it at the last meeting they attended if they wanted privacy screening installed they should contact the Board. He assumes the abutters are ok with the new trail. The signs will be done over the winter. Two of the abutters Steve and Joe had come out to help us install the bridge on this trail. Ryan Pauer was also there to help.

Buddy said they will just need to sweep trail for any downed trees.

Tom said the water is very high at the Palmer Preserve if they don't do something the water will eventually be over the rail road bed and they just refinished this part of the rail road bed. **Buddy** said they will look into it in the spring.

Trails Committee

Tom said they still need information from Tad about starting up a trails committee.

Brendan said he would speak to Tad and get an answer for the next meeting.

Drew said they will need to know what would happen if they have a quorum of Conservation Commission members in attendance and options for constructing. **Tom** said they should have a member of the Brookline IceBreaker's on this committee along with mountain bikers and any other group that uses the trails in town. **Michele Decoteau** said she would like to be involved and she has the connection to the Eagle Scouts through her son Alex. **Tom** said Roy Wallen is also interested in being a part of this Committee. **Drew** also suggested they reach out to people from the Horse community and the everyday hikers.

North Field, Martin Property (lot K-34)

Buddy said they will need to figure out what to do with this land. He would like to reach out to the Nahua Community Garden group called GROW. The Brookline Garden Club was interested a few years ago about creating a Brookline Community Garden. At the time we didn't have a great place to have a garden and now this field would be a great place.

Buddy said he would like to reach out and see if they could get people interested in creating a community garden on this lot.

Ghost Train Rail Trail Race

Brendan said they should have a discussion about the funds that the Board receives from the Ghost Train Race. They should have a plan in place for the future. If we are getting about \$10,000 a year from the Ghost Train Race. We can use this money to improve the rail road bed from Camp Tevya to Milford but once there is no more trail work to be completed what they will use the money for. They should be thinking of this now. The Board agreed they could be purchasing Easements for the rail road bed that is currently on private property between North Mason Road to the Palmer Preserve past Scabbard Mill Brook Road. **Jerry** also suggested they approach Camp Tevya for an easement also.

Michele Decoteau suggested updating the cabin on the Palmer Preserve. **Tom** said they should focus on purchasing the easements.

Unspent Funds from the 2018 Budget

Drew made a motion to roll any unused funds from the Conservation Commission budget into the BCC fund with the exception of any unused Milfoil Treatment money which is to be returned to the General Fund. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis “Buddy” Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Jay), _____

Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative, _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2019.