



**Town of  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

***Conservation Commission***

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**Minutes  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman  
Jordan Bailey, Member  
Tom Rogers, Member  
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate  
Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative  
Drew Kellner, Alternate (arrived at 7:30pm)

**Absent:** Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Rep. and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

**Minutes**

**Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019 as written. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

**Wild and Scenic**

**Jordan** said the Wild and Scenic went through the house in February and then the Senate passed it and today the President has signed it into law. It will be called the Stewardship Counsel. Hopefully, with funds to help protect the river.

**Eversource – 367 Transmission Line Project**

In attendance for this discussion Lydia Morton from Eversource Energy and Katy Wilkins from Tighe & Bond Engineers (Environmental Specialist). The Board discussed the project with Lydia and Katy this project will start in mid-April and will be finished sometime in the fall. They reviewed the map of the 367 transmission lines with the Board and pointed out which ones would need to be replaced. **Lydia** said the biggest reason for replacement is woodpecker damage and cracks. The majority of the poles on this line are from the 1970's. They will be accessing from Ruonala Road again this year and also from Osgood Road in Milford and the poles through

Hutchinson Hill Road. They will work closely with the contractors and will let them know what the concerns are and where the sensitive areas are in this location. **Jerry** asked if the access from Milford is paved. **Lydia** said that is a dirt access. They will stick to the already disturbed areas. **Katie** said all the wetland areas have been GPSed. **Lydia** said they will also be using Timber Mats again where needed. **Lydia** said they will be crossing the rail road bed again this year the timber mats are still there from last year's project. **Drew** asked if a culvert had been crushed last year and if it will be fixed this year. **Lydia** said they will look into that. **Buddy** said they found a painted turtle in that area looking for that sandy bank area. Will that be restored also? **Katy** said they will restore that area back to the sandy bank. **Lydia** said they will add that to the commitment list. **Lydia** said they will send out notifications to everyone when they start this project. This will include the town as the easement holder and an abutter. **Buddy** said when they get closer to the start date they will go out to this location and look at this area. **Drew** said they also have an area where they are concerned that more vehicles will get onto these trails and would like to add another gate. **Lydia** said she will be in again to discuss this with the Board in the summer time at some point. The Board thanked them for coming in.

#### **Hobart Fessenden Conservation Easement**

**Drew** said the easement will be the basic language they have used in the past. They have already raised \$10,000 for this project. The work can begin after town meeting vote.

#### **Parking Easement, Lot H-103, Sunoco, 75 Route 13**

**Drew** said they seem to be in the final stretch of this process he has received an email from the attorney for the owner of the Sunoco Station.

#### **New round of RTP grants**

**Drew** said he will need to attend the grant writing meeting if they would like to apply. He believed they should take a year off and their chances of receiving this grant in the future are much better. They should also finish a project before they apply for a new one. The Board agreed.

**Buddy** said the ball hill trail could be upgraded for about \$20,000 but they need to figure out how to keep traffic out of there.

**Jerry** said the Hobart Fessenden wood has a new large puddle so they will need to do some drainage work in this area.

**Tom** said he will need to get with the IceBreakers to find out what they have for support now that they had the last meeting and they have lost a few members and administrators.

The Board discussed the parking area for the end of Sawtelle Road Lot (H-75) the parking area has not been created yet. The Board reviewed the plan and found note 15 stating the Developer shall construct a gravel drive 20 feet in width, extending Sawtelle Road to opposite of the northeast corner

of the lot H-75-8 in order to access the open space area lot H-75. **Buddy** said this hasn't been completed they will need to contact the Building inspector and let him know. **Buddy** asked Kristen to let the Building Inspector know that this hasn't been completed yet. **Jay** said he would reach out to the contractor to discuss this. He asked Kristen to email the Plan and the contact information for the contractor.

### **Trails Committee Update**

**Tom** said they have two new people interested in becoming part of the Trail Committee Wendy Newsham representing the equestrian trail users and David Miller representing the mountain biker community. Kevin Majeski has resigned from the Ice Breakers Snowmobile club so they will need a new representative. **Jerry** said they discussed the Facebook page and a trail maintenance google doc sheet he has sent out an edit link to everyone. **Jay** asked if they could make it a read only document and put it on the Facebook page. **Jerry** said yes they could do that. **Jerry** said he is working on a document that you would be able to upload photos along with where it is and what would need to be done at the location. This will be a working document. **Tom** said they don't want people just rushing out to work on a trail without the BTC knowing. **Jerry** said they will still need a charter. **Jay** said once you get a charter written up the Conservation Commission will review and adopt. **Jordan's** suggested they have a page on the Brookline website.

### **Pinkham Lot (Lot C-8)**

**Jay** said they will be closing on the Pinkham Lot on 3/25/2019. The plan and deeds can be recorded.

### **BIO – Blitz with Co-op Extension**

**Jordan** said she will sign the Conservation Commission up for this it is a good community outreach program. She will forward the email she received to the Board so they can review it.

The NH BioBlitz project helps New Hampshire communities plan and implement BioBlitzes on town-owned lands to increase community engagement and inform stewardship planning.

### **Spring Clean up**

This year the Spring Clean Up will be held on School vacation week April 20<sup>th</sup> thru April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Canoe Trip**

**Buddy** said they will hold the annual canoe trip in April.

### **Appoint /Reappoint Member/Alternates**

**Drew** made a motion that they recommend to the Selectboard that Tom Rogers and Jay Chrystal both be reappointed as a full members of the Conservation Commission with terms expiring in March of 2022. **Jordan** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

### **Adjourn**

**Drew** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. **Jordan** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

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**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin**

**Next meeting will be held on April 09, 2019**