



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 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
Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Ron Olsen, Alternate Selectboard Representative**

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Nominate Chairman and Vice Chairman

Drew made a motion to nominate Francis “Buddy” Dougherty as Chairman off the Conservation Commission for the year and Jay Chrystal as the Vice-Chairman for the year. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 4-0. Jordan obtained.

Hobart-Fessenden Woods Perimeter Survey

Jay said he had asked for four quotes for boundary work with not to exceed prices. The scope of work was put together by PLC (Piscataquog Land Conservancy) and sent out the four companies. Three quotes have come back:

Meridian Land Services Quote was not to exceed \$36,500

Gate City quote was not to exceed \$50,000

HIS (Hayner/Swanson INC) quote came in at \$89,500

Jay said his recommendation would be to have Meridian Land Services come in and do the boundary survey seeing as they have worked with them in the past and they have surveyed most of the area already.

Jordan said it took two years to get the blazing and the painting done on the last project she just wants to make sure this will get done sooner than that. **Jay** said there were a few reasons why they took that long to get that long to get the blazing and painting done on that project. **Jay**

said per the specs of this project everything has to be completed by June 15, 2019. **Jay made a motion to accept the quote from Meridian Land Services not to exceed \$36,500 for the boundary survey of the Hobart Fessenden Woods payment to come from the Conservation Commission Fund (Land Acquisition Fund). Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Jay said they also need to have a Phase 1 Environmental site assessment done on this property and he has received a quote from Geoserve Inc. for \$1,800.

Jay made a motion to contract Geoserve Inc. in the amount of \$1,800 to be paid out of the Conservation Commission Funds (Land Acquisition Fund) to complete a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Drew said they are still fund raising for this project.

Sawtelle Road Parking Area Update

Jay said he had met with Tom at this location to review where this parking area would be and then met with Connor Benote (Site Contractor/owner) they had agreed to have the parking area build down further so that people are not so close to the back yard on the last lot in this subdivision this will still be 20 feet wide to the trail head location. He will also be constructing a 50 foot wide area to fit about three car for parking. **Jay** said this should be completed before that house is sold so the new owners are not surprised by a new driveway to access a trail it will be in existence when the house is purchased. The Board agreed to have a small kiosk at this location also. **Buddy** said they should contact the DPW Director and have this parking area added to the list of plowed parking lots in the winter.

Spring Clean Up 2019 – April 20 thru April 28

Spring Cleanup 2019 will take place from April 20th through April 28th this year. **Jordan** said she has updated the signup genius so people can log in to sign up for roads. It's not perfect but it works. She will also contact the school to find out about adding the flyer to back pack mail.

2019 Canoe/Kayak trip down the Nissitissit River

Buddy said this trip will take place on May 4th this year. If you do not have a canoe or kayak you can rent one from the Nashoba Paddlers. They will meet at the Sunoco Station to shuffle around cars and then they will be pushing off at 9:00am behind the Fire Station.

Drew said he spoke with the manager at Powel's Sand and Gravel and asked if they could help remove the tree that is full of poison ivy that they could get to last year and they agreed to help with that.

Brookline PTA- BCC Table at upcoming (Tom)

Tom said he has spoken with Dan Molinari from RMMS (Richard Maghakian Memorial School) and the school want to get more involved with the Conservation Commission. The Brookline PTO would like the Conservation Commission to have a booth at the event at CSDA School on May 18th the 5k Bolt event. **Tom** said he would volunteer to do this.

Jordan said the Brookline Church has offered the Commission a table on September 7th from 8 to 11 at the breakfast.

Upcoming Guided Hikes and trail work days (Tom)

Tom said they were planning on a hike at Hobart Fessenden Woods in conjunction with PLC (Piscataquog Land Conservancy) on June 22nd or 23rd.

Jerry said they have trail works days scheduled:

April 20th Clean up Mary's trail.

May 18th Hobart Fessenden Woods, widen and blaze and stone ledge clean up

June 1st Palmer Bartell area look at the mountain bike trail that was created

July will be Whitcomb Bross area clean up but they haven't set a day for that one yet. **Jordan** asked if these will be published. Jerry said yes they will be.

Clarification needed on what the extent a BCC member can participate in the BTC activities (Jerry)

Jerry said at the last meeting it was unclear as to what the Conservation Commission members can participate in and how many can participate. **Jay** read the email they had received from Attorney Steven Buckley when this question was originally asked. Tad Putney (Town Administrator) asked "Are there any issues/problems with three (of the five) conservation commission members serving on the subcommittee? The subcommittee's agendas will be posted and minutes will be taken per RSA 91-A. If permissible, the three of them would be a minority of the total subcommittee membership.

The answer from Steven Buckley, Legal Services Counsel for NH Municipalities Association was "There is nothing inherently illegal for a quorum of the Conservation Commission to convene as a subcommittee made up of those Commission members along with non-conservation commission members. The complicating factor is that in effect each time the subcommittee meets it will also constitute a meeting of the Conservation Commission. This might engender some concern by the non-subcommittee members of the Conservation Commission that general Conservation Commission business might get conducted in their absence. This is only a possible complicating factor, not a prohibition."

Jerry said as long as they are cautious. **Drew** said the trails committee has done a great job so far and they have made a lot of progress. They have pulled together a great group of people and have done some great thing to organize this group. He appreciates the hard work they have put into this and hope the Conservation Commission feels the same way.

Trails Committee Update

Trail naming

Jerry said they wanted to name the loop trail at the Hobart Fessenden Woods area. This is the mountain bike trail that James Gibson and his children created. They wanted to use beer names or Boston College names. There is always a historic element to naming the trail so those names were not acceptable. **Tom** said James has requested that they call it the Blue Jay Trail because the school mascot at the CSDA is a Blue Jay. **Tom** suggested they come up with a few guidelines on naming trails. **Tom made a motion to name the loop trail (mountain bike trail) at the Hobart Fessenden Woods the Blue Jay Trail after the CSDA Mascot. Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Nissitissit River Park

Drew said he has received and email for the owner and he will have Attorney Laurie Perrault draw up the easement paperwork. Meridian has done the site work already. Hopefully they will be able to attend the May Planning Board meeting.

Drew said Jerry Farwell has agreed to donate three granite blocks for this location. They will also need to move the rocks to the property line on the South Main Street side.

Hollis Conservation Commission

Joe Connley and Tom Daveys were in attendance for tonight's meeting. **Joe** said he appreciated the invitation to this meeting. They need to meet each other we are all on the same team wild and scenic and the pipeline were big wins for all of us. **Tom** said they all have so much in common we are all working on similar projects, milfoil, evasive species, the Nissitissit River runs through both towns etc. They believe they should have more contact with the surrounding Boards and they are also trying to attend more Conservation Commission meetings for the surrounding towns. This year Hollis voted to have 100% of the LUCT funds go into the Conservation fund from 50%. Without the surrounding towns already doing this it may not have been voted in. The Board thank them both for coming in to tonight meeting.

Buddy also suggested they attend a ROST meeting when they get the chance.

Non-public

Jay made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: II (d) for the discussion of possible land acquisition and immediately adjourn the meeting. **Drew** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Jordan**, **Tom**, and **Drew** all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Alternate, _____

Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on May 14, 2019