



Town of
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Conservation Commission

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Minutes
Tuesday, July 09, 2019
Conservation Commission
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Jordan Bailey, Member
Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate (voting for Jay)
Ron Olsen, Alternate Selectboard Representative

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

Buddy asked Jerry to vote for Jay tonight. Jerry agreed.

Minutes

Drew made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes both public and non-public as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Case #2019-5: G-39 Fessenden/Glendale Homes 4 lot Subdivision Plan lot G-39, Wetlands crossing, Randy Haight Meridian Land Services.

In attendance for this discussion Randy Haight, Meridian Land Services.

Randy said they are applying for a minimum impact dredge and fill permit for this application. The Fessendens are proposing a four lot subdivision, two lots will have access from Russell Hill Road and the remaining two lots will have access off a common driveway with a turnaround for the fire department at the end. The common driveway will cross wetlands at the smallest point which will disturb about 345 sf of wetlands. They will install a 36 inch culvert with flared ends it will be 53 ½ ft long. **Buddy** said his only concern is that the culvert pipe is dug down enough so that there isn't a step up into it and a spill out at the other end and it doesn't impede water flow. **Jordan** said one of the lots the well radius is in the 50 ft wetland setback. There seems to be more and more encroachment on the wetlands buffer lately and she would like to remind everyone that nothing should be located in the 50 foot wetlands buffer. **Randy** said that a well radius is an acceptable use in the wetland's setback. **Buddy** asked who will be the one checking to see that this is built correctly. **Randy** said Dennis LaBombard (Town Engineer) will review this. **Buddy** said the treatment pond on lot G-39-1 is under his purview also. **Randy** said yes, it is. **Jordan** asked if this is out of the Aquifer Protection area. **Randy** said no a small portion of the plan is in the aquifer

protection area. **Ron** said the well radius of 75 ft on lot G-39-2 goes over into the other lot is that ok. **Randy** said yes that is acceptable also. **Tom** made a motion to allow the Chairman of the Conservation Commission Francis “Buddy” Dougherty to sign the wetlands permit application for the Fessenden Subdivision. **Jerry** seconded. Vote yes 3-0. **Drew** abstained.

Case #2019-5: G-39 Fessenden/Glendale Homes 4 lot Subdivision Plan Comments for the Planning Board

This is a four lot subdivision off of Russell Hill Road. Two lots taking access from Russell Hill Road and two lots taking access from a proposed common driveway.

The Board agreed the comments they have for the Planning Board in regard to this case is to make sure the culvert pipe is dug down enough so there is not an impediment for the critter to get into the culvert and not a spill out to exit the culvert. Should be ground level.

Jordan said she would like to remind them that the wetlands setback should not be ignored. Nothing should be placed in the 50 foot wetlands setback.

Trail Head Maintenance (Jordan)

Jordan said we had a gentleman complain about the long grass at the Cider Mill Trail head location and we have had trash issues also in different areas. Do we want to get the DPW involved with mowing and trash pickup. The Board agreed to ask the Town Administrator about getting the DPW involved. **Drew** said he would mow Cider Mill Tomorrow. **Buddy** said each place is unique some place collect trash and some there is never an issue with. We have someone that volunteers to empty the barrels at Bohanon Bridge trail entrance. There are volunteer who pick up along the road side that use the trash bins at the Bohanon Bridge entrance. If that barrel is removed, they won't collect trash along Oak Hill Road any more. **Drew** said he would like to find a volunteer to empty the barrels every week or so if they do add trash barrels to trail heads. He is not sure that DPW has enough time to take this on. **Jerry** said he will volunteer to pick up the barrel of trash behind the Sunoco Station. **Jordan** said someone had mentioned to her that the rail trail between South Main Street and Bohanon Bridge is also over grown and needs to be mowed. **Jordan** said it would be great if we could get people to adopt areas to maintain. **Buddy** said he wouldn't be apposed to having Darryl Pelletier go down to mow that area of the rail road bed.

Drew said Travis Wilson mows the lawn at the town hall we could see how much it would cost to add a few trail head areas that could be mowed on a more frequent basis.

Buddy said the kiosk at the Sunoco station only has one lock in the middle and the two sides are starting to curl up they will need to try to fix that by attaching both bottom corners.

Change Language for our Pre-conveyance Easement (Jay)

Drew said Lot F-106 (open space lot) was never conveyed to the town. This has been corrected and now the town just needs to convey and easement to PLC. We think we should change the process when open space is conveyed to the town via easement and make sure the easement is extinguished once the open space lot is conveyed to the town after the development if completed.

250th Parade Float (Drew)

Drew said he will offer his trailer and the truck to pull it for the float in the Brookline 250th Parade if someone wants to put in a float for the Conservation Commission. We had discussed this at a previous meeting and September is coming up quick. **Buddy** said he is already going putting a float in this parade so he will not be able to help. **Jerry** said he will help but he is not very creative. **Buddy** said winter fun is an idea. **Jordan** said at the 4th of July Parade the PTO walk in the reverse parade direction route and handed out push pops. She though that was a good idea.

Trail Committee Update

Jerry said they didn't hold a June Trails Committee Meeting. **Tom** said they will have a work day at the end of July.

Buddy said the Fish and Game website has a trails for wild life and people section on their website. It states when you walk a trail you affect 400 feet on both sides of the trail. **Jordan** said there is some very good information on there.

Jerry said he tried to plow through Florence Field and it is very overgrown. If they want to maintain that area it will need a lot of work. **Drew** said he looked into Fish and Game grants, but the field is too small and they wouldn't qualify.

Policy for receptacles and disposal of trash at trail heads (Jerry)

Jerry said last week he had gone down and checked behind the Sunoco Station and there was trash all over the place he picked it up went to home depot and bought a small trash barrel to leave there but they will need a plan in place to keep up with this. **Jerry** has volunteered to empty this trash barrel.

Approval for a letter to property owners Cassidy & Richardson re: mountain bike trails that traverse their property (Jerry)

Buddy suggested they discuss this in non-public.

Extension of Quarry Trail to join Winding Ledges Trail (Jerry)

Jerry asked if they could extend the Quarry Trail to the Winding Ledges Trail by going around the wall, would this be acceptable. **Buddy** said that trail has been in the works the issue they have is 4 wheeled traffic. Maybe link the cabin trail to that trail. The Board was in favor of linking the trails.

Update on NRPC mapping of Palmer-Bartell (Jerry)

Jerry said Palmer/Bartell has been mapped by Matt Freeman with Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Update on Hobart- Fessenden Trails in Trailforks (Jerry)

Jerry said all the trails have been added into trail forks app. They just need to create content that could be added to the website. **Jerry** said someone had put information on the Trail forks app about the rail road bed from Camp Tevya to North Mason Road. When are these trails available for the public to use. **Jordan** said they are only available to the public when the camp is closed from around Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Milfoil Update

Buddy said Amy Smagula (DES) went out to Melendy Pond and said they will need divers to come out to hand pull what's left. **Buddy** asked about the warranty on the treatment used he thought they would treat again at no charge if it didn't get all the milfoil. He was informed that the warranty is if 85% or more of regrowth occurred.

Non-public

Tom 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. Jordan seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Tom, Jordan, Jerry, and Drew all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Alternate, _____

Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on August 13, 2019