



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

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**Minutes  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

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

**Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate**

**Buddy** asked Jerry to vote for Jordan tonight. Jerry agreed.

**Nissitissit River Park Update**

**Drew** said he met with Amos White last Thursday and went over all the trails in the park. They discussed the wash out by the fire access and adding a channel grate in this area, river loop north needing curbing at the first look out area, river loop south curbing is needed at the second look out, and the north end will need a carry launch and maybe a railing at the broad opening and adding a bolder at the bottom, the rail bed between South Main Street and Bohanon needs work to improve the grade and they will need to shorten the guard rail on river bank left. Amos is working on three different quotes due to the NRP funding. He is about a month out at this point for scheduling purposes.

**Palmer Bartell Hike 8/31/2019 Update**

**Tom** said they held a site walk and went out to the Palmer Bartell trail there has been some discussion on what the erosion was caused from water run off or mountain bike usage. Matt Caron (NIMBA) also met us for this walk and discussion. It looks like this damage has been created by water and not mountain bike usage. Although, there seems to be some disagreement on that. **Buddy** said in regard to that trail Matt said that a mountain bike couldn't go through that area. **Buddy** showed the Board a video of a mountain bike riding through that part of the trail. **Buddy** said they also went to look at the part of the Sanborn

Trail on the other side and that trail will need to be fixed he will go out and install a water bar so this doesn't erode any further it will redirect the water. **Tom** said that was a great idea. **Drew** said it is less important to figure out how this problem was created, we need to figure out how to fix it. The maintainers who have stepped up and volunteered have done great job. Doing all that stone work and maintenance takes a lot of time and he doesn't want to lose that. We should allow the Trails Committee a little more leeway on this. **Buddy** said as long as they don't spend all their time on mountain bike trails. **Tom** said they have four work days scheduled and only one is on a mountain bike trail.

#### **Trail Committee Update**

**Tom** said the Heron rookery was all grown in and they have opened it all up again so you can see it from the trail and no longer have to get in the water to see it.

**Tom** said they met with Chief Quigley about using the Trail Fork app for emergency purposes. He was all for it. They will have to go back and show the police officers how to use this app. **Tom** will set up a meeting to speak with Chief Shawn Jackson, Ambulance and Chief Charlie Corey Sr., Fire Department, they will also speak with Hollis Communications. **Buddy** said you will want to contact John DuVarney with Hollis Communications Center. **Tom** said they will add signage at the trail heads about the Trail Forks App, so people are informed.

**Tom** said they can also add widgets to our website through Trail Forks. When you go to the Brookline Website looking for maps you will see the Tail Forks maps. This is all free we should take advantage of it. **Drew** said if this app works as well as it sounds like it will he thinks Hollis would be interested in the also.

#### **Field and Trail Mowing, Martin Field and Rail Trail Mowing**

**Drew** said spoke with Daryl Pelletier and he said he would use the same prices as last year for the mowing. He believes it was around \$900 for the three fields. **Buddy** said they should mow from the power lines south as far as he can go on the rail road bed. **Buddy** said last year they split the cost with the Icebreaker Snowmobile club to mow from North Mason Road south to Camp Tevya. **Drew** said if we all agree to mow then we will wait to have Jordan weigh in on when the best time to mow would be.

**Drew made a motion to have the three fields mowed and some portions of the rail road bed, which sections to be determined, not to exceed last year's costs. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

**Jerry** said the last time he walked that section (between Camp Tevya and North Mason Road there were some deep ruts there. **Buddy** said they had been logging out there earlier this year. **Jerry** said he will go out this week to take pictures and see what condition it is in and if the ruts had been fixed. **Buddy** said that's a great idea the health of the rail trail is important right now with the Ghost Train Rail Trail Race coming up. He asked if the Board wanted to make a motion, so funds are available in case this section of the rail road bed needed to be fixed before the race weekend. The Board agreed.

**Jay made a motion not to exceed \$1,000 from the Ghost Train Funds for trail maintenance, if needed, on the Rail Road bed section from Camp Tevya to North Mason Road. Drew seconded. Vote 5-0.**

### Scout Projects

**Tom** said Zach Delphine is ready to install the three paneled kiosk at Bohanon. He would like some of the Board to meet him so they can agree where to have this placed. He believes in between the two trees would be the best place. The Board agreed to allow Tom to decided where to place this kiosk.

**Tom** said he also spoke with Hayden Smith from Hollis and he is ready to install the Sawtelle Road kiosk. Is there any way they can get the entrance cleared so he can install this and they can work around it? **Buddy** said maybe you could go out and stake it. **Jay** said you can speak with Connor he is on site every day. **Tom** said he would do that.

### Boundary work for Hobart Fessenden Woods

**Drew** said so far most of the boundary work has been done for the Easement project for Hobart Fessenden Woods area. One lot was holding them up and he believes they are working through this one.

### Parade Committee

**Buddy** said the Parade Committee is asking if they can park horse trailers at Cider Mill Trial head. The Board agreed that was ok. **Buddy** said they are also looking to see if the BCC would help to park people at Tevya for the Parade on September 21<sup>st</sup>. **Tom** said he would be able to come down for an hour or so.

### Adjourn

**Drew** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on October 08, 2019

