



**TOWN OF  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Conservation Commission*

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**Minutes  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, Tom Rogers, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

The Board reviewed invoices and agreed to pay the following:

NH Lake Association bill for Lake Host payroll in the amount of \$3,680.00  
Two bills for Meridian Land Services in the amount of \$4876.80 and \$2,634.90 for the Hobart Fessenden Boundary and Easement project.

**Jordan made a motion to pay the two bills for Meridian for project 06973-04 in the amount of \$4876.80 and \$2634.90 upon the approval of Jay Chrystal. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

**Buddy** asked Jerry to vote for Tom and Sean to vote for Jay until he arrives tonight.

**Aidan Maguire – Lake Host Update**

**Aidan** said there are three other inspectors including himself we started July 1<sup>st</sup> so far we have put in 80 hours at the ramp. He has also asked the Lake hosts to pick up trash to keep the area clean. We have had a lot of issues with the parking situation and people have said some inappropriate things to his coworkers in regard to the parking situation. This is not for them to enforce. There is a lot of boat traffic. **Jerry** asked how many plants they have removed from boats. **Aidan** said they have inspected over 300 boats. They have pulled plants off of about 8 boats, most were lily pads but

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two were milfoil. **Buddy** said Melendy pond is an issue also is there anyway they can get a Lake Host up there. **Aidan** said they would need another sign and he would need to adjust the schedule. He believes they can do that. **Buddy** said right off Old Milford Road. **Tad** asked how long he planned to be able to be out there this year. **Aidan** said they should be able to do this until the end of August or early September. They have two shifts 8:00 am -1:00 pm and a second 2:00pm – 6:00 pm or 2:00pm -7:00pm. They are not allowed to give out pamphlets or decals this year due to Covid-19. The Board thanked Aidan.

Melendy Pond in the north west corner that have plants that are 4 or 5 inches long and Amy Smagula will be down to check it out at some point, and he believes they will have to treat next year.

### **Pedestrian Bridge – TAP Sidewalk Bridge**

In attendance for this discussion Tad Putney, Town Administrator.

**Tad** said they have plans for two pedestrian bridges one on Mason Road over the Nissitissit River and the second on South Main Street also over the Nissitissit River. These have been funded from the TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) which was approved 3 or 4 years ago. There is a lot of red tape and they originally thought this project was going to be finished this year but with the requests from the Lands Borough it may not start until early next summer. They have requested that we show the plans to the Conservation Commission. The engineers have drafted a letter due to the 22 foot impact on the Mason Road bridge area. There is approximately a \$5,000 fee that would be paid to the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, this is a statewide fund that the town recently taped into for the Nissitissit park. The Engineer has asked that you sign off on the letter to the wetland borough and this will allow us to keep going forward. **Drew** said the national park service had looked at these plans also. **Tad** said now that we have the wild and scenic designation, we have had two members of the parks service to review both applications and they had no concerns. **Jordan** said it makes sense there is a wetlands impact.

**Ron made a motion to allow Buddy Dougherty to sign the letter about the mitigation funds in the amount of \$5,000. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

### **Kecy Road Parking (Drew)**

**Drew** said he had Mike Wenrich, DPW dig 4 test pits. He did let the neighbors know in advance that they would be doing this. Drew said in Mikes email response he said anywhere that stone was added it looks like loam was removed prior to do that. Where there is virgin ground the loam is about 6 inches with silty clay under it, the water table is close to the surface. His recommendation is to remove the tree and strip the loam off the area and set it aside, then use the stone to make one consistent flat sub graded area, then add 1 1/2 to 2 feet of gravel on top, compacting on layers. This would be about 160 yards and would take two to three days to accomplish. **Drew** said he asked what the estimated cost would be, and **Mike** said about \$3,000 in gravel \$800 in hauling and \$500 fabric labor he would be doing himself and an employee. **Drew** said we need to figure out who would pay for this. **Drew** guesses about a \$6,000 job in total. He though if they split the costs it would be 40% BCC and the rest for the Fire Department and the DPW. Are we comfortable with this idea? This is a road maintenance item and we would not have to go to the Planning Board but as a curtesy we may want to. If we bless the idea of cost sharing, he would take this to the other departments.

The Board agreed on the idea and the cost sharing.

### **Cider Mill Trail Head Discussion**

**Drew** said at the height of the Covid pandemic there were a lot of people using the trails and there

was some concerns with where people were parking. At the time they had used a temporary solution and then removed it when the trail use died down a little. Should they put up another temporary solution or add a more permanent solution to the parking issue. The Board agreed to add temporary signs for now.

**Drew** said paving an apron would require DOT driveway approval. They want 400 feet of site lines which we do have they also require drainage. The DOT engineer will come out and review the location before they approve the permit. **Jerry** asked if this is something the BCC will have to pay for. **Drew** said the permit no but the pavement yes, unless we can find some one who has excess pavement, they would be willing to donate. **Buddy** said an apron two car length apron for people coming in and going out would be great. **Jerry** said they need this at Palmer Bartell also.

**Drew** said there is also a very large hole in the middle of Cider Mill and he is wondering if the pile that is there already could be used. **Buddy** said it is all loam. **Drew** said he will fill the holes in hopes that would help with the mowing.

The Board also agreed to pull up those temporary signs at Cider Mill that state “please don’t park along Route 130”. They worked well. They also agreed to leave the ones up at the Palmer Bartell

**Jerry made a motion to allow Buddy Dougherty to sign the DOT driveway application for Cider Mill. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

#### **Trial Committee Update**

**Jordan** said she has been hiking the Hobart Fessenden woods. **Jerry** said Tom had a mountain biker stop him and say there were no trespassing signs along the railroad bed between north mason road and Scabbard Mill Brook Road. It was explained that that stretch of railroad bed is privately owned. **Buddy** said yes, a landowner has put those sign up and we ask that people respect their wishes. **Jerry** said he has updated trail forks and he marked that section as non-available and it is private property.

#### **Austin Arm Management Plan**

**Drew** said he wrote this a few years ago and he though they approved it but it is still marked draft. **Buddy** said this is for the Cummings property. **Drew** that’s correct.

**Drew said he had motion to approve the stewardship plan from December 13, 2017 for parcel K-33. Sean Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

#### **Wild and Scenic**

If this is Jordan’s last meeting and she is a representative for the Wild and Scenic we will need to find someone to take her place. **Drew** said Tom has volunteered. **Drew** said he will be his back up.

**Jerry made a motion to appoint Tom Rogers to replace Jordan Bailey as the representative to the Wild and Scenic starting July 17, 2020. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

#### **Alewife Project**

**Buddy** asked what the future of this project will be. **Jordan** said when Mike Bailey started working on this project there were 10 people in his office and now there are only 2 people and they are not backfilling this. This was going to be a 10 year project adding and it seems the work has stopped, and NH Fish and Wildlife will not be continuing the project.

**Adjourn**

**Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Sean seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Jordan, Tom, Ron, Drew, and Jerry all voted yes.**

This is Jordan's last meeting the Board thanked her and gave her a round of applause after she made her final motion to adjourn.

**Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**\_\_\_\_\_

**Jordan Bailey, Member**\_\_\_\_\_

**Jerry Jaworski, Alternate**\_\_\_\_\_

**Sean McNair, Alternate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative**\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on August 11, 2020