



**TOWN OF
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Conservation Commission**

**Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Jerry Jaworski, Member
Sean McNair, Alternate
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative
Drew Kellner, Alternate Selectboard Representative (Arrived at 7:38)**

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Buddy called the meeting to order and read the rules for the Hybrid meeting:

- Any meeting attendees participating via Zoom are asked to activate the “mute” function until called upon by the chair
- Meeting attendees via Zoom must use the “raise hand” function under the “reactions” tab to participate in the meeting – and will be permitted to comment once and if called upon by the chair.
- Anyone providing comments during the meeting must first identify their name and address
- The “chat” function for Zoom participants will be disabled by the meeting administrator or otherwise not addressed; “chat” items will not be part of the public meeting/record
- Meeting attendees via Zoom will not be listed as attendees in the minutes (except Board members)
- The meeting’s physical location is the official meeting room. Should technical difficulties arise with the remote portion, the meeting will continue at the physical location.

Minutes

Dana made a motion to approve the September 14th, 2021 minutes as written. Tom Seconded. Vote yes 5 - 0.

Dana made a motion to approve these September 14th, 2021 nonpublic minutes as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Mary's Trail Parking lot (Sunoco)

Buddy said Drew would like to know if we want to expend up to \$500 from the maintenance line item of the budget to stripe the paved parking lot next to Sonoco. He said he has one verbal quote and will seek more prior to having the work done. The Board agreed.

Mowing

Buddy said Drew would like to know if the Board would be willing to expend \$900 for field mowing of the Martin field and the field at the end of Kecy Road . This is the same price we have paid for the last several years it was lower than other bids. The Board agreed.

Pave Apron at Cider Mill Parking Lot Entrance

Buddy said they applied for a driveway permit in 2020 and received it. Drew would like to know if the Board is willing to pave an apron of 10' to 12' at the entrance of Cider Mill Trail Head. He received a quote for \$2,200 from Champion Paving LLC. This is to also be removed from the BCC Land Maintenance line item in the budget. **Jay** said that if they don't have enough money in the Land Maintenance line item, they could remove it from the Conservation General Fund. The Board agreed.

Dana made a motion to expend up to \$500 for striping the parking lot next to Sonoco, expending up to \$900 for field mowing Martin field and the field at the end of Kecy Road, and paving the 10' to 12' apron at the Cider Mill Trail Head entrance. All funds to come out of the BCC Land Maintenance line item and any extra to be spent from the Conservation Commission general fund. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Shea Decoteau – Sargent Trail Bridge - Gold Award Project

Tom introduced Shea to the Board he said she is going for her Gold Award. She would like to build a bridge on the Sargent Trail. **Shea Decoteau** made her presentation she said during the pandemic the trails were used a lot the parking lots were overflowing. She would like to construct a bridge at the Sargent Trail where the standing water is a little to big to jump across. The erosion that is happening is widening the trail. She raised money by holding a plant sale. She will be building a 16' by 10' foot bridge using an I beam that was donated in the middle of the bridge . The lumber is pressure treated she would also like to add a geocaching location in this area. She will be material shopping on the weekend of October 16th and the 17th, she would like to hold two prebuild days where she will build the bridge at home and then disassemble it and have two trail build days where they reassemble the bridge at its permanent location. She said they will be carrying the material out to the location by hand. **Jerry** said please let the Board know if you are looking for help doing that. **Dana** asked what will anchor the bridge to the ground. **Roy** said there should be landing blocks on both ends that they will place the bridge on. **Tom** said in this location the water gets wider as opposed to taller when we get rain. **Buddy made a motion to approve Shea Decoteau's Gold Award Project. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.** The Board thanked Shea for all her hard work. **Tom** said it is amazing what the Scouts have done for us.

Ghost Train Rail Race October 16th – 17th

Buddy said just a reminder they are holding the Spaghetti Dinner at the Church on Friday (10/15/2021) night at 6:00pm. The Board discussed moving all the material for the Ghost Train

Rail Race from the annex to Camp Tevya on Friday at about 9:00 am. On Friday at about 2:00 PM they will need to meet back at Camp Tevya to start setting up. He also needs people to carve pumpkins at his house so they can be placed along the trail Friday. **Drew** said they will have one aid station in Brookline at Camp Tevya, one aid station in Milford, and one aid station at the power lines this will also include porta potties. **Drew** suggested to meet at about 6:30 - 7:00 AM on Saturday morning. People have 30 hours to run the ultra-race, on Sunday there will be a 15 mile race starting with about 100 people. The Board discussed food that they will be offering at the race. Any food that isn't used will be donated to the food pantry at the end of the weekend. **Drew** said this event is one of the least expensive ultra-races in the country. **Dana** asked what the maximum amount of people allowed for this event. **Drew** said we have had up to 400 runners for the ultra-race. **Drew** said Camp Tevya allows us to use the property and they clean everything up and back to the way it was before they leave on Sunday. **Buddy** said we also have private landowners who allow the racers to run their property from North Mason Road to a little north of Scabbard Millbrook Road.

Covered Bridge

Buddy said he was notified by the Town Administrator that there is graffiti painted on the covered bridge across from Lake Potanipo and he would like guidance as to whose responsibility that would be the Conservation Commission or the BPW. The Board agreed it was a BPW issue.

Sunoco Tree Removal

Drew said he was contacted by the BPW around noon that a tree company had a couple of trees that should be removed behind Sunoco they were on the boundary line but mostly on town property along the Fire Department drafting area. He was in town at the time and was able to go look at the trees before any work was done. He believed those trees did pose a safety hazard. The owner of Sunoco was willing to remove it at his expense. He contacted **Buddy** and explain the situation and they both agreed it would be OK to remove. He also walked the trail with the company that was removing the trees to see if there was anything that needed to be trimmed or cut that they believe may cause damage in the future. **Drew** said in his opinion the trees cut would not have been any value to the town if milled. He emailed the report to PLC also.

Cider Mill Expanding Parking area

Drew handed out a Drawing of a potential expansion of the Cider Mill Trailhead. He has been working with the abutting landowner they said they agree with this expansion plan. He said they were not comfortable with a parking area closer to their property, so he expanded it to the left as you're pulling in. They will need to take 20 feet of the grass area and one tree to add five to six parking spaces. The Board agreed to have **Drew** get bids for this project. **Jerry** said he thinks they will need to indicate or mark the parking slots by ground posts or lining the spots. **Drew** said the Grove painted lines like field painting and that worked pretty well I believe they had to do it twice this year. This is a low impact way too show people where to park. **Sean** asked if they could lump in the path and fixing the concrete pad with this project. **Drew** said he believes to fix that it will take more than we thought and that should be a separate project.

What is the BCC Authority

Drew said they were asked what their authority is. The answer is our authority is limited. Our current role is we can make a comment to the Planning Board. The Planning Board can choose to

accept it or ignore it. That is still the process going forward but we can ask for more of our opinion to be incorporated or he suggested NEPA which is a Environmental Protection Act has an environment review process for federal projects and that extents to projects that received federal funding even if it flows through the State.

Non-Public

Jay made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for purpose of land acquisition and RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and immediately adjourn after. Dana Seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Roy, Sean, and Drew all voted yes.

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Seconded by Tom. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Roy, Sean, and Drew all voted yes.

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 10:10pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chair, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Member, _____

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on October 26, 2021