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TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes Tuesday, March 08, 2022 Conservation Commission

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman

Tom Rogers, Member Jerry Jaworski, Member

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative

Sean McNair, Alternate Greg Martin, Alternate

Absent: Drew Kellner, Alternate, Roy Wallen, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Buddy 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 <u>not</u> 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.

Recommend to the Selectboard to Appoint / Reappoint Fill/Alternate Members

Jerry made a motion to reappoint Jay Chrystal as a full member, Tom Rogers and A full member, and Sean McNair as an Alternate member of the Conservation Commission all with terms expiring in March of 2025. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 4-0. Dana Abstained.

Talbot Taylor Temporary Fencing Installation

Greg said himself and Matt Sawyer had gone out and added the orange snow fencing on both sides of the property. **Tom** said if they needed any trail signs in that area to let him know. **Greg** said he isn't sure but will let him know. **Buddy** said they will need no snowmobile signs and ne OHRV.

Project / inventory preliminary information session

Greg said he had sent out a draft of the project list for discussion at this meeting. **Buddy** said they had to apply for an extension through the Borough of Trail for the Hobart Fessenden trail project. They received an extension until July. **Jerry** said there was talk of a canoe/kayak launch by Bohanon Bridge. He would ask Drew for an update on that. **Dana** said this is a great document. **Tom** said they use one similar to this in the Trail Committee. **Greg** said he also went out to Bartell Palmer and the material that is laying out there he can take it home and get it ready to be repurposed. **Tom** said that sounds like a great idea.

BCC Logos

Dana shared with the Board a few logo designs. The Board discussed the logos.

Jay said he has used Pro Sports here in town for baseball shirts. **Buddy** said Ghost Train used Café Press. **Dana** will contact both companies.

Lot H-75 - Warrant Article at Town Meeting

Jay said there is a warrant article at town meeting that will ask for the town to accept Lot H-75 as an open Space lot. At the time of the Subdivision of Sawtelle Road, the Developers attorney told him to put a conservation Easement on this lot before he deeded it over to the Town. Most developers don't sign over the open space lot to the town until after the development has been completed to maintain the current use status. Every open space lot needs to be accepted at town meeting. This was never done for Lot H-75 at the end of Sawtelle Road.

Jay said they need to formalize the list that Jerry had put together so that they are all on the same page as to what the Conservation Commission is going to maintain and the lots that they don't need to.

Town Meeting Bond

Tom said he will speak to the Warrant Article asking for a bond for land purchases. **Tom** said the original presentation was 40 minutes long, he will cut that down to a much shorter presentation for town meeting night. The Board discussed the items that should be added to the presentation for town meeting. **Tom** suggested deleting the photos and just leaving the words in the presentation for town meeting. **Tom** said he has received a lot of calls asking about this bond and the lots that they will be purchasing. He has heard nothing negative so far. **Dana** said she does support this. This will protect against future tax increase. The most conservative path is to conserve the land. **Jerry** said this also preserves the wildlife habitat.

Mudd Season

Buddy suggested they put up the signs to close trails doe to mud season. Close trail to all but walkers / hikers. The Board agreed.

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 immediately adjourn the meeting. Tom Seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Sean, and Greg all voted yes.

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, _____

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Seconded

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on March 8, 2022