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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Conservation Commission**

**Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Jerry Jaworski, Member
Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Representative
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Sean McNair, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate**

**Absent: Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, 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 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.

Melendy Pond Management Group - discussed logging Melendy Pond Woods (Buddy)

Buddy said at the last Selectboard meeting the Melendy Pond Management Committee had discussed tree cutting at Melendy Woods. The UNH Co-op Extension has a free tree service which he feels is more geared for landowners. They didn’t seem to put much stock into Craig Birch’s Forest management plan for this area. **Brendan** said they did review it, but it is a ten year old document. They were coming to the Selectboard to ask what the next steps would be. The Selectboard was interested in them looking to go forward with a management plan for this area and if they log the property they will need to know where the money would go into the general fund or could it go into the Melendy Pond account. **Jay** said this area is due to be cut. **Buddy** said the BCC should be involved in these conservations. **Brendan** said he would also like the Melendy

Pond Committee to discuss what this area will be used for in ten years when the leases go away.

Trail work on Rail Trail – ditching, brush cutting, Beaver Boxes, etc.(Buddy)

Buddy said the ditches along the railroad bed from Palmer north need to be dug out again at some point soon. There is still a lot of water right now. **Buddy** said Amos White gave him a not to exceed price of \$6,000 for ditching, and \$600 worth of gravel to put in the middle of the trail, he would like to stockpile some gravel there also. This will be paid for out of the Ghost Train funds **Drew** said they should get more quotes for this project due to the amount. The Board agreed. **Buddy** said at some point they will need to schedule a work party in this location.

Adopt the Social Media Policy

Brendan made a motion to adopt the social media policy. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes. 5-0.

Trial Discussion – Extending Potanipo Rail Trail and adding a new trail to wildlife viewing area overlooking the Nissitissit. (Tom)

Tom said they have that three panel kiosk, and they will need to fill that up. They have discussed extending the rail trail behind this kiosk and adding a bridge over the small water gully and then creating a 250 yard single track foot path to the viewing area that looks over the Nissitissit River. There is already a game path there so it shouldn't take too much work. They might be able to use the bridge at Palmer Bartell for this project. The Trails Committee will need to pull together a work party and get this done. The Board agreed.

Project List (Greg)

Greg said he removed the stuff under the bridge at the palmer area, he would like to propose a flow device at this location. He believes they should get a flow devise in the area before the beaver build up the dam again. This area is 3 to 4 feet deep. He showed the Board what he has built already this was build out of all repurposed material. It is about 18 feet long. This would work as a filter for large debris. The Board agreed they should try this.

Greg said he will also draw one up for Talbot Taylor to show the Board. **Buddy** asked that **Greg** contact Matt Sawyer and make sure he is involved in anything that is done in this area. **Greg** agreed.

Comments for the Planning Board for Case:

2022.2:G-40, Farwell, Clarence, 2 Lot-Subdivision, Russell Hill Road

Drew said he believes they have reviewed this plan before they are creating two back lots out of one. **Jay** said all the wetlands are in the back of the property. The Board had no comments for the Planning Board regarding this case.

2022.3H-66, H-79-8: Andrew & Rebecca Benson and Randy & Khiem Tuc Colburn, ot Line Adjustment

Drew said this looks like they are moving a small amount of land to lot H-79 from H-78. This seems to be a simple and small lot line adjustment. The Board has no comments for the Planning Board regarding this case.

Drew said this is for the Wild and Scenic Community Grant that they applied for. This is for the Nissitissit River Tree Project and will be paid for by Wild and Scenic. They received a contract from Preferred Landscaping Services to plant the trees along the Nissitissit behind 20 South Main Street for a total of \$3,260.00. They will need to have Buddy sign the contract and send the first payment of \$1,630.00.

Drew made a motion to have Buddy Dougherty sign the contract with Preferred Landscaping Services for the Maple Tree planting and the first check be cut in the amount of \$1,630.00. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0

Letter from Town Administrator Beaver Dam off Corey Hill Road

Buddy said they have received a letter from Tad Putney about the beaver dam off Corey Hill Road. to drop that level of the dam by two feet it would render that whole rookery useless they are building the nest in the trees for safety. He hasn't gone out to look at the dam recently. **Drew** asked if there is a middle ground. **Jerry** said the solution is to install a device that keeps the water at a certain level. **Drew** said they have concerns about the water level and the heron rookery. There may be some wiliness to discuss lowering the water level if it doesn't affect the Heron Rookery.

Palmer Bartell Trail area

Sean said he went out and checked the game cameras and he has a license plate and a photo of a dirt bike. He wanted to know who to contact. **Tom** said contact Fish and Game with the photo and plate number, and they will contact the individuals.

Eric DiVirgilio

Buddy read the resignation letter from Eric. "I am submitting my resignation from the BCC as an alternate before my term expires next year. I have enjoyed my time on the board as both a full time member and as an alternate over the past 12 plus years. It is best for me to free up my alternate position so that someone with the necessary available time can provide value to the commission. The commission has never been stronger than it is now!"

Drew made a motion to accept Eric's resignation and thank him for his decade plus of service with a more permanent reignment to follow. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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Brendan Denehy Alternate Selectboard Rep. , _____

Case 2022-4:C-9, Frank & Laurie Burbee, 3 Lot Subdivision, Corner of Ames Road and Mason Road.

The intention of this plan is to create two new lots from Lot C-9 on the corner of North Mason Road and Hutchinson Hill Road. Jay said the two new lots are about 2 acres each. The Board had no comments for the Planning Board regarding this case.

BCC Logos

The Board reviewed the logos that were emailed by Dana earlier to the Board from Dana and they agreed to remove the flying birds make the bird in the tree red and make the water blue. Kristen will send this information to Dana.

Encroachment Issues

Jay said he doesn't have an update at this time.

Property Stakes

Jerry said at one point Drew had asked and he added up the property line for Lot K-34 and it would have cost almost \$800 with a stake every fifty feet. Drew said they don't have to be posted every 50 ft but maybe just at the hot spots. He will try to come up with a better number for Drew. The Board discussed the driver that will need to be purchased to install these posts. They will wait to see the fiberglass posts when they come in.

Sawtelle Road Trail

Tom had discussed with a couple of abutters at the end of Sawtelle Road by the trail. There is one house that is getting a lot of traffic in their back yard. Amos had installed a berm which should work but if it doesn't could we use the gate that is on our property off of Hobart Hill Road and install it here so people will not longer end up in this back yard. Drew said he is in support of this if it come to it if they agreed to install it.

Drew made a motion to authorize Tom to make the offer of a few panels of fencing from the Hobart Hill Road fence to these abutters if they will install it. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Tom said Amos suggested that they add one of the green gate in this area.

Drew made a motion to allow the expenditure of up to \$700 from the BCC fund install a safety gate at the end of Sawtelle Road. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Mary's Trail

Drew said the fishing pier railing is in limbo at the moment the ADA code and the building code height of the railing are not the same he is waiting for an answer.

Sidewalk proposal

Brendan said the Selectboard has discussed adding the sidewalk in the proposal for the Nissitissit Trail.

Signs at BPW pointing out the trail parking

Brendan said he has spoken to Mike Wenrich about marking the parking area for the trail head parking at the BPW building. Tom said they have staked out the trail reroute in this area the trail will come out right to the new parking area.

Preferred Landscaping Mail folder.

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on June 14, 2022

