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**TOWN OF
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Conservation Commission**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting)
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, (Voting)
Tom Rogers, Member, (Voting)
Jerry Jaworski, Member, (Voting)
Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, (Voting)
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Sean McNair, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate

Absent: Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Representative

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.

The Board reviewed the mail.

Aidan Maguire – Lake Host Discussion

Aidan (Via Zoom) said he will be managing the Lake Host program again this year. Starting this Sunday for 8 weeks they will be fully staffed. Then all the people who work there will be heading back to school. Monday thru Friday will be staffed from 8 am thru 5 pm. Saturday and Sunday 8 am thru 4 pm. This year he will be adding “No Swimming” signs to the boat launch according to FIS 1603.01 (d) swimming is not allowed at Boats launches. He will also be adding signs that state “please pick up after your pets”. Once he speaks to Fish and Game to find out if they approve and the size and distance, he will be adding lines for parking at the boat launch.

They will also be adding coverage to Melendy Pond during really hot days and holidays. He is going to Concord tomorrow and will ask for more signs to cover both areas.

Eagle Scout Project - Proposed Whitcomb-Bross Trail Kiosk at Conneck Road Entrance by Owen Garee (Presentation Attached).

Tom introduced Owen Garee to the Board and explained he is here to propose an Eagle Scout project.

Owen Garee said he is a Life Scout with Troop 12. He has chosen to construct a kiosk at the Conneck Trail head. He showed the board a photo of what he would like to build explained that the roof would be a bit bigger to cover it from the elements. This will serve as a first and last impression to a trail user to educated people. He said he will be responsible for donations and fund raising for this project also to gather the tools needed for this project. Owen discussed the precise location of the kiosk with the Board, and he also said there would be directional signs to point people in the correct direction of the trail head. Tom said the trail head is hidden, if you are heading down Conneck Road you wouldn't even know there was a trail head at this location because it is a shared driveway. Jerry said you can park on the right side of the road only. Dana asked what the time frame is on this project. Owen said he should be done before the winter. **Tom made a motion to accept Owen Garee's Eagle Scout Proposal to build a kiosk at the Conneck Road Trail Head. Dana seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Buddy asked where his troop is from. Owen said Hollis. The Board thanked Owen for coming.

Lot A-4 Compass and Tape Survey

Jay said this is the lot they are purchasing from the Farewell's this lot consists of 2.8 acres in Brookline and the rest is in Milford in order to get a clear title for the Brookline side to just reflect the Brookline's land they will need to perform a Compass and Tape survey. He has asked Randy from Meridian Land Services to quote him this price. This is not a precise survey. The quote from Randy with Meridian is \$2,750.00. He spoke with Marcia Farwell, and she has agreed to split the cost so it will only cost the Conservation Commission \$1,375.00. Dana asked if the acreage in Brookline and Milford will then be to different lots. Jay said yes. **Dana made a motion to allow Jay to expend not more than \$1375.00 for a Compass and Tape survey for Lot A-4 to be completed by Meridian Land Services. To be spend from land Acquisition expense. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Land Purchases

Jay said the bond money will be available to the town on July 13, 2022, they will then put the money in Attorney Perrault's escrow account to have the checks cut for the lots that they are purchasing. The interest rate was a little higher than they though it would be at 3.49%. Drew said the grant they were receiving to go toward the purchase has come in for \$5,000.00.

Discuss holding public hearing June 28, 2022

Jay said they will need to have a public hearing for the lots they are purchasing. The Board agreed to hold a meeting on June 28, 2022, at 7:00pm here in the meeting room. Tom and Drew may not be in attendance for this meeting.

Strategic Land Acquisition Plan

Dana said she would like to add this the next agenda so they can discuss updating this plan. **Jerry** said he will work on an updated list of lots that the Conservation Commission is responsible for.

Review and Comment for the Planning Board for Case:

SP # 2022.B:H-42,Housing for Older Persons Development, 23 Main Street

Buddy said this plan has come before them and they had requested that the Planning Board find and independent company to review this plan for the Conservation Commission as he doesn't feel that it is appropriate for this Board to review and comment on this plan. He spoke with NRPC (Nashua Regional Planning Commission) he has asked them if they are required to review and comment, and he was informed that the Board can recuse themselves from this plan. **Drew** agreed that it would be inappropriate for this Board to review this plan and comment on it. It would be wise to have a third party independent company or entity to review this for the Conservation Commission. **Drew** suggested that the reaffirm their original request for the Planning Board to find an independent company to review this plan for the Conservation Commission.

BCC Logos

Dana said she has sent a final logo to the Board to review. If they place an order, she believes they can be here before the July 4th parade. The Board agreed to have Dana place an order. They will have t-shirts, hats, and dog bandanas available for purchase. This will be the new logo for the Conservation Commission for letters and any handouts. **Dana** said is the board agree they will need to make a motion to accept this logo so it can be used as the official BCC logo.

Tom made a motion to accept the logo as proposed by Dana at tonight's meeting. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

The Board discussed the first order of t shirts to be placed. Hopefully to have in hand by the Fourth of July parade to have for sale. **Dana** said at some point they will be able to set up a store for people to go to a website and order the t shirts. They will be able to have cards at the kiosks with QR codes so people can place an order right there.

Tom made a motion to allow Dana to expend not to exceed \$500 for the initial purchase of logo merchandise from Mint Printworks. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Project List update

Greg said he has added signage at the public works building for the 4 Trail head parking spots to the list of things to do. He goes out to Talbot Taylor every time it rains, at the moment, the beavers are just playing in the mud out there. He will, at some point, tackle a beaver deceiver in this area and will contact Matt Sawyer when he does. There is some old metal fencings, some old tubes, and buoys out there at the moment which he will push to get cleaned up. **Greg** reminded the Board that they had agreed to put gates up in this area and that has not been done yet. **Drew** said he would reach out to Matt and try to work through these issues. Some of these obligations fall to us and some fall onto Matt.

Beaver Dam Flow Devices for Palmer-Bartell

Jerry said the beaver deceiver that **Greg** installed (in the small pond at Palmer Preserve) is working. This is the first one they have installed. There was significant erosion after the water had flowed over the Quarry Trail. They have cleared the dam multiple times, installed a wooden beaver box, and added a PVC extension to the beaver box, which have all been ineffective. **Greg**, **Tom** and

Jerry went out on May 13, 2022, cleared the dam and added the beaver deceiver that was proposed at the last meeting. Greg built this after the last BCC meeting, and he did all the wet work to install this device. So far, this out of the box approach has worked. This was based on Skip Lyle's culvert design ideas as seen on his website www.beaverdeceiver.com. Skip Lyle is from Vermont. This deceiver was built from repurposed 12" double walled culvert pipe, 4x6 4 gauge fence for filter and Receiver, and concrete blocks and wire to hold pipe and Receiver in place. They monitored this device for 7 days and found that there were a few branches behind the fence, this issue was resolved. After 31 days, deposits behind the fence were not blocking flow from the pipe. They may consider a fence on the down stream side of the bridge. This device is effective they will still need to monitor for any issues that may need a resolution. This may need periodic maintenance to remove build-up behind the Receiver. They will need to keep an eye out for the impact of ice on this Device in the winter. **Jerry** recommends that they reimburse Greg for his out of pocket expense to build this first Deceiver and approve a not to exceed expenditure of materials for a flow device for the large dam at Palmer – Bartell. The Board agreed. **Drew** said he doesn't believe they will need a fence on the down stream side. The lack of a fence will create a bigger challenge for the beaver to dam it up.

Dana made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$220.08 for the out of pocket expenses that Greg Martin had incurred to build this Beaver Deceiver. To be paid from the Conservation Budget Trail Maintenance line item. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Greg said he has done some rough measurements for the Deceiver that will need to be built for the large pond at Palmer. He will need about 40" of pipe to get 20" to 30" out in the pond. He will use a 12 inch dual wall culvert pipe. He will also need more fencing. He said he spoke with Mike Wenrich (BPW) about being ordering some of these things and them having it delivered to the BPD garage. He will break the beaver dam a day or two before his installs the Deceiver. He may need to break it down to transport it out to the pond due to the length of it. **Drew** offered his 18 foot flatbed to Greg if he needed that to transport the device. **Greg** said the material cost will be able \$925.

Dana made a motion to allow Greg to spend not to exceed \$1,000 on material to build a Beaver Deceiver for the large pond at Palmer Bartell to come out of the Conservation Trail Revolving Fund. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Nissitissit River Parkway project - Maple trees behind 20 South Main Street

Drew said Preferred Landscaping is the company we hired to install the 3 maple trees down along the Nissitissit River behind 20 South Main Street (The Brick House). They had reached out to Drew today and let him know there would be a fuel charge of \$100 due to the increase in fuel cost. **Drew** said by the end of the conversation they had agreed to a charge of \$60. The Board agreed to pay this amount.

Nissitissit River Park Project - Mary's Trail

Drew said all the work has been finished. He received an answer on the railing height, so it has been lowered to 34 inches. The trash can is gone and the large rocks will be put into place soon. They also do not have as much trash seeing as people can't drive down there.

Hobart Fessenden Woods

Tom said this project is coming along really well, the drainage is working well. The connector trail has been completed. People are raving about the trail improvements the total project cost was at \$52,000. Some change we approved at the previous meeting for gates in the amount of \$700 at the

end of Sawtelle Road. They(Bentley Management Group) are asking for a reimbursement of \$2,400 for the creation of the staging area. They also needed to purchase geotextile fabric in the amount of \$749. They are asking for an additional cost of \$3,149 for those last two items. **Dana made a motion to approve the reimbursement cost of the staging area for \$2,400 and the geotextile fabric for \$749 which is a total of \$3,149 to be paid from the Conservation Commission fund under the Hobart pheasant in woods RTP project. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Jay made a motion to preauthorize the payment of \$56,235.18 from the BCC fund without waiting for the Conservation Commission signatures using this motion as permission to pay this invoice. Seconded by Tom vote yes 5-0. Jay said 80% of the original cost would be about \$41,000 reimbursement.

Milfoil

Buddy said the divers were at Lake Potanipo and they will be at Melendy Pond next week.

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chair, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, 

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Member, 

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Rep. , 

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on July 12, 2022

Whitcomb Bross Trail

Presented by

▶ Owen Garée

Eagle Scout Candidate

✓ Eagle Project Purpose

- To provide a service to the community.
- To demonstrate leadership skills, project management skills, and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment.

Project Proposal

- To plan, construct a similar kiosk as pictured.
- The kiosk will be a fairly substantial structure of large, rough-cut wood with wood-shake, with an overhanging roof as a means of protecting the sign, drawing visitors in to read, commanding attention as a destination, and providing cover for visitors in bad weather. This structure conforms to the natural background to be in harmony with backdrop.
- The roofline will be larger at the request of the BCC to protect from the elements



▼ Purpose of the Kiosk

To provide information regarding the trailhead, and the trail

Serve as the first and last impression

To indicate arrival, welcome visitors, and provide them with information that may be essential to their safety and enjoyment on the Trail

the opportunity to educate and communicate a variety of information as a means of helping to solve management problems associated with visitor use.

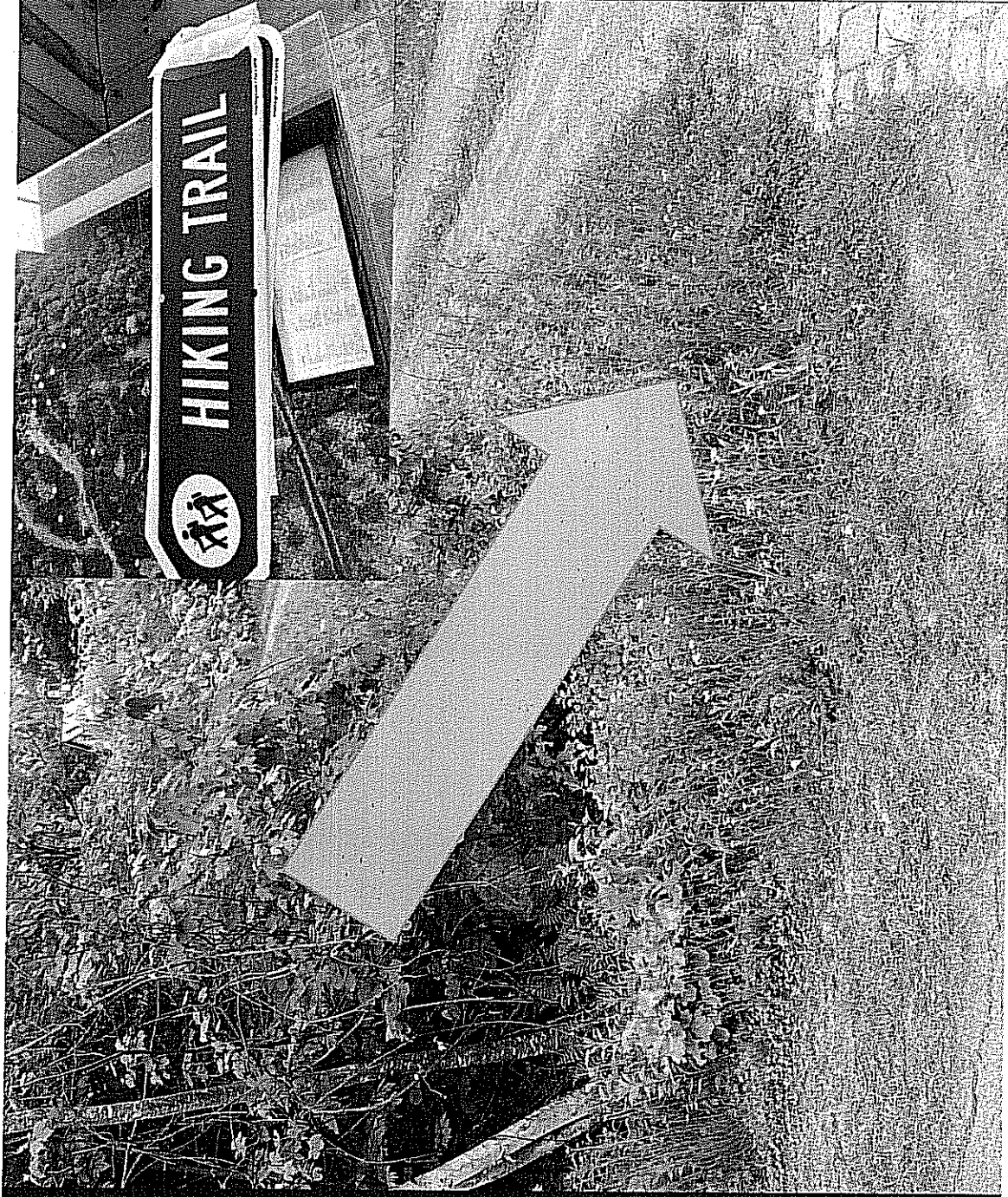
The value of informed visitors is less waste, more reverence, and an understanding of volunteer efforts.

Encourage the community to use the trail.

Leadership/Materials/Supplies

- I will be responsible for recruiting volunteers to help in the construction of the project.
- I will be responsible for either having materials donated, or raising money for the materials and supplies.
- I will be responsible for making sure any tools or equipment needed will be available on project day.

Directional
to Kiosk
to direct
visitors to
trailhead



Location of Kiosk

Suggested location by the BCC from meeting on May 28th

It is easily visible upon entrance to the trail and faces the visitors.

Preparation – 1 dead tree should be cut down before project begins



▸ Next Steps:
if you approve this I will work
with my Eagle advisor to come
up with the detailed plans and
drawings to begin project.

QUESTIONS?