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**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 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)
Sean McNair, Alternate
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate

Absent: Drew Kellner, Alternate, and 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.

Aidan Maquire – Lake Host Update

Buddy said Aidan was not able to attend tonight’s meeting, but he had emailed a Lake Host update which is included in the mail folder. He knows there is a need for volunteers and is still searching for more volunteers. Volunteer hours can go toward our match for the grant.

Nissitissit River Park LWCF Grant Update from Drew

Buddy said Drew was not able to attend tonight’s meeting but had emailed an update. **Buddy** read the email to the Board:

“Nissitissit River Park LWCF Grant - We have completed all the work on the project and are just waiting for some updated boundary description and depiction that adds the paved parking area to the project. Even though we do not own the parking area, we have control under the easement with the landowner and this feature is part of the LWCF Area. A final on site inspection is being scheduled and necessary reimbursement paperwork is in process to be completed by the end of September.”

Wild And Scenic Land Grant Update from Drew

Buddy said Drew was not able to attend tonight’s meeting but had emailed an update. **Buddy** read the email to the Board:

“Wild & Scenic Land Grant - Now that the additions to PB area have closed we should be cleared to get reimbursed the remaining \$5,000 from the grant program. I have the necessary documentation and will seek the council's approval at their 8/18/22 meeting.”

Flow Device installation and monitoring at the large pond in Palmer - Bartell

Jerry said this was a multi-day project. Greg had built the flow device at his house and Drew had used his tractor and trailer to deliver it to the big pond located at the Palmer Preserve. **Buddy** had breached the dam on Saturday with his excavator. When they arrived on Sunday to install the device the beaver had already built the dam back up. Brendan, Greg, Sean, Tom, and Jerry installed the device with the help of Brendan’s flat bottom boat. The filter is about five feet down at the bottom of the pond. The project cost was \$732.98 minus the \$164.39 of material that Greg had left over at his house from the original device. The Beavers are already actively trying to fill in this area. They will continue to monitor this. **Buddy** asked if they could estimate the hours that it took to create and install.

Jerry said Chris Constantino from Milford said she had to have someone build them and install them in Milford the cost was about \$3,000 to \$3,500. Chris doesn’t have the manpower that we do have these things done.

Jerry said he will put this presentation and the presentation from the first flow device on the website. They also agreed to reimburse Greg for the building supplies.

Land Purchase Updates

Jay said the land purchases have all been completed except Lot D-62. There was paperwork that still needed to be signed. **Dana** said that paperwork was signed off on last night at the Selectboard meeting last night so that sale will be completed soon.

BCC Logo T-Shirt and Hat order

Dana said she just need a little guidance on what to order. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to 60 hats orange, grey and black. There is a \$40 setup embroidery fee every time you order hats. They also agreed to T-Shirts and long sleeve shirts. **Dana** said they will also set up an online store around November they can pick 4 things that people can order the Board discussed vests, shirts, hats, and dog bandanas for the online store. They also agreed that Dana should place another order to have hats and t-shirts available at the town hall for sale. **Tom made a motion to allow Dana to order up to \$1,100 of hats and shirts. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.** Once the invoice is in it can be paid out of the BCC rev funds account under BCC T-shirt and merchandise.

Property Monitors

Jerry said he reached out to Dan from PLC to see if he could get a description of the Property Monitor Job. He will also hold a class on this at our convenience. The Board agreed that they should all attend this class.

Planning Board Case C-1, Subdivision

The purpose of this plan is to depict a three lot residential subdivision of lot C-1. The requirement for a building lot is 200 feet of frontage and 88,000 feet of dry contiguous land. **Roy** said the pond is now split between two lots, do they have a concern about that. The Board didn't think that was an issue. The area they will be building is dry. The Board had no Comments for the Planning Board.

Planning Board Case E-90 and E-90-1 Lot Line Adjustment

The purpose of this plan is to preform a lot line adjustment between lot E-90 & 90-1. **Jay** said it looks like one of the lot lines went over the septic system and this moves the lines. This is a simple lot line adjustment, and the Board had no comments for the Planning Board.

Minutes

Dana made a motion to approve the public minutes of June 28, 2022, and July 12, 2022. Tom Seconded, vote yes 5-0.

Dana made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of June 28, 2022, and July 12, 2022. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Project List Update (Greg)

Greg said Mike (BPW) will be ditching High View Drive towards October and he would like to know if the Board would agree to see if he would also reditch the sides along the access driveway to Talbot Taylor Preserve. The ditches on both sides are full of leaves and if he is going to be in the area we could ask if he would have time to do this. The Board agreed. He can ask what the cost will be and if he has time to do this project and report back to the Board.

Greg said he will also be creating a filter for the dam at Talbot Taylor. The water is very low at this time. They should schedule a time to install the filter using Brendan's boat and Matts boat to get the filter installed.

Buddy asked him to add removal of the tree in the spill way past the cabin at the Palmer Preserve to the list of projects. **Greg** agreed. The water level is so low it is a good time to get it done.

ARPA Funds

Buddy said the selectboard had brought up the ARPA funds and they are looking for Boards and Committee to submit a list of items that they may need this is due early September. They should put a letter together requesting that a security system of some sort be added to certain trail heads that they have had several break ins happen. They have also had several missing people on the trails it would be helpful if we could see when they went into the woods from the trail head cam. He had contacted the chief of Police and he recommends a security system would be a great idea.

Dana said according to the US Treasury the funds are available to eligible local governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers. The funds can be used to:

1. Support public health and safety expenditures: for example , funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this function to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risk because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Dana said the funds will need to meet the four criteria:

A benefit to a high percentage of Brookline, Benefits the health and/or safety of Brookline residents, expected to be an expense in the future if not done now with ARPA funds, and it is expected to be supported by residents if voted on at town meeting.

Dana said it's a stretch to think that cameras would fall under this funding.

Buddy said they should request a letter from the Chief of Police supporting this. **Dana** agreed and said she would reach out to the Police Chief tomorrow to request a letter. The Board agreed to write a letter stating that they would need security cameras at the trail head Bartell Palmer Trailhead, The Mary's Trail head at the Sunoco Station at Route 13 Cider Mill Trail head parking, he would also like one around the brick house (20 South Main Street) to get that part of the trail. The Board agreed this would fall under life and safety. The Board discussed contacting a couple of security system companies and getting pricing and to see if they could get cameras up in these locations and how they would work.

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, _____

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Jerry Jaworski, Member, _____

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative,_____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on September 13, 2022