



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

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**Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Conservation Commission**

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

**Absent: Sean McNair, Alternate and Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, 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.

Mail

The Board reviewed the mail folder.

Minutes

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Yvonne Gutierrez – Lake Host Update

Yvonne (Via Zoom) read Aidan Maguire’s email updating the Board on the end of the year Lake Host.

“For the 2022 lake host season we worked a total of 600.5 paid lake host hours from June - August. There was a total of 24.5 volunteer hours during that time as well.

In terms of the surveys, the town of Brookline completed 1186 surveys. This figure is 1.91% of all of the surveys completed in New Hampshire (62,220 surveys total).

A final note I would like to make is that the vegetation that appeared on boats and trailers and that was reported was identified as Bladderwort, a native species to the lake.”

Yvonne said thanks to the determination of the Lake Host personnel and the Grove Staff the Boat Ramp driveway has been fixed. Aiden will be a Junior in College next year but has agreed to be the Coordinator of the Lake Host program again next year. She thanked Aiden for that. The Board thank Yvonne.

Laura Weit-Marcum with Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) introduction

Laura Weit-Marcum introduced herself to the Board. She said she is the new Land Production Specialist. As you know Tom Jones retired back in June of 2022, she started May 9th and has been try to fill his footsteps. She has been going around to all the Conservation Commissions to let them know they are an available resource in the area. **Laura** said she is currently working with the Clark -Ridge Farm in Goffstown on Route 13. This is a 60 acre working farm she has submitted Grant paperwork L-Chip, the Arm Grant and the Moose Plate Grant. They also answer questions they receive form landowners about their own property, they also do site walks with landowners to discuss the process of land conservation they may be interested in. They also will help with purchases and donations.

OHRV use on Palmer Bartell Newly Acquired Parcels (Drew)

Drew said there has been some OHRV activity on the lots they just acquired they need to do something about this now. the board agreed they will need to start by adding signs and gates up in these areas

Should start by adding gates at Lot B-78 Ball Hill and Hutchinson Hill Road intersection at beaver dam, Lot B-65 where Ball Hill comes in off the Milford side where the bowl is off the power lines, Lot B-71 where the foundation area is, it's not an official trail but they come out of the quarry trail that abuts George Denault's property.

Drew suggested going with a lower cost gate just to start and suggested to add a John Brown gate at Hutchinson where the Ball Hill Trail comes off. Then add the lesser expensive one at the other locations. **Buddy** also suggested that they add a gate at Dupaw Gould Road where the grass clippings are being dumped. **Jerry** asked if these gates would be open in the winter months. **Drew** said yes if it's part of the snowmobile trail. The Board agreed to get a quote for the gates and to ask Mr. Denault if they can add a gate on his property. **Drew** said Tom and Buddy will be on the agenda for October with Gate locations.

Signs

Drew said that they have pricing for the 12" circle signs. Any amount over 5 will cost \$40.45 each. The Board agreed they should purchase at least 10 there are a lot of places to put these signs.

Tom made a motion to purchase ten signs at \$40.45 each of these signs to be paid from Trail Maintenance operating budget. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

After discussing potential sign locations later in the meeting Tom suggested they amend his original motion.

Tom made a motion to amend the original motion to purchase 15 signs at \$40.45 each to be paid from the BCC Trail Maintenance expense. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Doner Appreciation Sign

Drew said the doner appreciation sign that he had email to the Board was agreed upon in 2016 when they were looking for funding for the martin cummings land purchase. He is just looking for the Boards blessing on this sign. This will be located in the Bohanon Bridge kiosk. The Board agreed to have this sign made.

Number Signs needed at Trail Head Parking

Drew said the Chief of the Fire Department has requested that they add street numbers to the Trailhead Parking areas. The Town Planner has sent a very short list they will need to add to it and send it back to her. **Drew** said he had put together all the parking areas that are listed on the trail maps. This information should be forwarded to the Town Planner,

T-shirt and hat update

At the last meeting the Board made a motion to purchase up to \$1,100 worth of t shirts and hats with the new logo. The hat and t-shirt orders came up to a total of \$1,280.24 .

Tom made a motion to amend the original motion to spend \$1,280.24 on the BCC Merchandise with the new logos on them. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Volunteer needed from BCC to serve on PB Steering Committee

The Planning Board is looking for a volunteer from the Conservation Commission to serve on the Steering Committee to work on the Mater Plan Public Survey and plan for a visioning Forum.

Drew made a motion to nominate Roy Wallen to be the Conservation Commission representative on the Planning Board Steering Committee. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Trail name for new trail along Nissitissit south of Bohanon Bridge (Jerry)

Tom said they had completed this trail construction in one day. The Board review this on a map. **Tom** said this trail is in the shape of a lollipop and around the loop there are some beautiful views. **Tom** suggested that they name it after the family that helped us acquire this land Elly Austin Trail, Elly's Trail, Cummings Trail, Long Bow Trail, Pamela Trail Etc. The Board agreed to ask Pamela Austin her opinion on the trail name then decide. **Tom made a motion to name the newly constructed trail off Oak Hill and Bohanon Bridge based on feedback from Pam Austin. Seconded by Jerry. Vote yes 4-0.**

Kiosk Content update (Jerry)

Jerry said the town has not adopted the RSA so they cannot legally ask people to leash dogs. Do we want to keep the "Please leash your dog" signs on the trails. **Drew** said they can adopt a policy that doesn't have teeth to it, if it was an ordinance, it could be enforced. The Board agreed to leave the signs as is that state " Leash Dogs while on Trails".

Jerry asked if they want to create a policy for this. **Buddy** said yes.

Jerry said right now they have non-motorized bikes on the policy. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to add to the policy that Class 1 and 2 electric bikes (defined as having a motor less than 750 watts that ceases to provide assistance above 20 mph).

Jerry said he would update it and the Board can accept it in the October meeting.

Hours to install beaver deceivers

Jerry said Greg came up with the total amount of hours that it took to install the beaver deceiver which was a total of 26 hours.

All PDF Maps on website have been updated with new purchase

Jerry said he has updated all the Trail map PDFs on the website.

Purchase of Lot D-62 not in Registry of Deeds (Jerry)

Jerry said he was updating the maps with the newly purchased parcels, but he noticed that the deed for Lot D-62 is not in the registry of deed yet. **Jay** said they don't own it yet, there are some issues that they need to sort out with the title. They are waiting for the attorney to sort it out.

Status of Route 13 snowmobile trail since new guard rail was installed (Jerry)

Jerry said now that they have added the guard rail in that location what is the status of this snowmobile crossing. **Jay** said that would be an issue for the IceBreakers to find out.

Confirm PLC Property Monitoring Course

The Board agreed to hold the meeting on November 5, 2022, at 1:00 pm, here at the town hall meeting room. Even if you don't want to be a property monitor it would be good for all the members to attend.

Comment for Planning Board Case: Site Plan # 2022:J-019, LTD 34 COMM LLC, 46 Route 13.

This purpose of this plan is to show the improvements and requirements necessary to permit a 36.5'x49.5' building addition to the existing storage building, for the proposed use of storage, through the Town of Brookline Planning Board, as required by the Town of Brookline Land Use Regulations. **Drew** said the digital file is a low resolution scan and cannot be zoomed in to review the plan. The Planning Board can require an applicant to submit this in a full resolution digital file. **Buddy** said the last time they can into the Planning Board the Commission had concerns about scrapping and painting in the parking area on this lot. Other than those two issues the Board had no further comments.

Scout Project

Tom said that Antonio Stevens is interested in doing a flora and fauna related educational signs along cider mill pond to the heron rookery along with bird houses. This is planned for next summer he is in the planning stage at the moment. **Tom** said he will have a site walk with him and then Antonio will come into present this to the Commission.

NRWSA Forest Walk

Drew said Al Futterman had reached out to him and said he wanted to do a forest walk on October 24, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 5:30pm. Drew had suggested that the Hobart Fessenden Woods would be a great location. This is great that they that they are using our trails as a showcase for an educational walk. This will be open to the public. **Tom** asked that they send him the information so he can post it online.

Non-Public

Jay made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) for the discussion of possible land acquisition, RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, and RSA 91-A: 3, II (l) legal advice by legal counsel. 1-A:3, II (d) for purpose of land acquisition and immediately adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Jerry, Drew, Roy, and Greg all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Member, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on October 11, 2022