



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

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**Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Conservation Commission**

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

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, and Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Representative

Dana 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

Dana made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.
Dana made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022, public. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Dana made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022, non-public (1). Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Trail Discussion

Buddy said he had heard the IceBreakers have been out clearing tree off of the trails. **Tom** said they have had an email about the condition of the bridge off the Hobart Trail that it is in need of repair. It is still usable there are a few boards that need to be replaced due to the . He will let Kevin Majeski with the IceBreakers know. **Jerry** said he thought there was a grant for this bridge replacement.

Buddy said they have received a quote from Amos White to repair the storm damage on Mary's Trail in the amount of \$5,000. **Tom made a motion to accept the proposal from Amos White not to exceed \$5,000 to remediate the damage on Mary's Trail. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Greg said he had gone out to Florence's Field to access the Palmer area. The access through the field cuts his time in half to access the cabin area. The field is overgrown there is a lot of bittersweet but there are also deer tracks, bobcat tracks, all kinds of birds. Should we schedule a day to work in this area. The Beaver have been stacking wood in the culvert under the rail roadbed the water is still flowing but something we should keep and eye on.

Talbot Taylor Policies

Jerry had the Board review the Talbot Taylor Policies. Once finalized they will be placed at the trail heads at the Camp Flannery property. After a brief discussion **Jerry made a motion to accept the document with the water access update. Dana Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Quarry Trail Flow Device

Greg said the device in the small pond was damaged when we had that ice and water storm, but it is still working. In the spring they may want to add about 20 more feet to this pipe. He will ask Mike (BPW) about the cost of the pipe and maybe buy one in the spring.

Project List

Greg said he will update the 2022 project list and add it to the google drive and then upload the 2023 list onto the google drive.

A couple of the 2023 projects are the parking expansion and the pad that needs to be replaced and maybe moved closer to the parking area. To said maybe expanding parking to include room for a trailer. **Roy** asked if they could add a buffer by the tree and not removed it to expand the parking. **Greg** said he will also add Field mowing, Schedule the Forester and the Biologist to come to review some of our lots, Bartell Palmer parking expansion, and the Cummings Trial bridge.

Greg said he has been working on the Talbot Taylor Pond filter since this summer and has finally been able to remove the steel grate and removed the clog that was there. The pond drain is a rectangular cube with stop boards. The inlet side of the base of that concrete part is full of material from the beaver. That will need to be cleared out when spring comes. At that point he will need help. If anyone can think of anything that should be added to the list to please contact him.

Town Report Submission

The town report submission is due to the town administrator by January 26, 2023. The Board agreed to get something to Jay so he can put it all together in a document and send it in by the deadline.

Tom suggested they try to get the new BCC logo on the town report cover.

Adjourn

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Greg seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Greg Martin Alternate, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Member, _____

Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on February 14, 2023