



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

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**Minutes  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
Conservation Commission**

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

**Absent: Tom Rogers, Member and Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Representative**

**Dana read the Hybrid rules:**

- 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.

**Lot D-62**

**Jay** said they are finally at the end of this. There is one deed and that included the sliver of land that is in Hollis. They had asked Meridian Land Services to do a Compass and Tape Survey of this lot and they had found that the lot in Brookline was larger than they had originally thought. It was almost double the acreage. There is only one deed for the land in Brookline and Hollis. In the event that a Hollis tax bill comes due the Fessenden’s Attorney has asked that the Conservation Commission agrees that they would cover that cost. The lot in Hollis is a small land locked piece of property consisting of a 7/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre. **Jay made a motion to agreed to pay and tax bill that may be sent from the town of Hollis for this lot number 28-?. Dana seconded. Vote yes 5-0.** Jay said he will attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss this with them and have them sign the newest Purchase and sales agreement. Buddy signed the newly worded Purchase and Sales agreement.

### **Trail Discussion**

**Buddy** said there is a lot of limbs down after the last storm. Hollis has opened the trails to snowmobiles and then stated it was up to Brookline to keep people off the Brookline trail system if Brookline wasn't going to open.

**Jerry** said in Hobart Fessenden Woods there have been a lot of wide tracks and maybe groomer activity, it looked like mud and slush.

**Jerry** said Own Geary had finished the kiosk at Conneck Road Trail Head. He has also installed a 4x4 post so they can add a hiking sign at this location.

### **Approve Talbot Taylor Policies**

After a brief discussion **Drew made a motion to approve the wording for the Welcome to Talbot Taylor Wildlife policies as presented. Dana seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

### **Remove / Hide Trails Committee Pages from Website**

The Board discussed removing the trails Committee Webb page from the Town Website. Then agreed that it should be listed as an inactive board and add a note that states it has been disbanded as of February 14, 2023. **Drew made a motion to disband the Trails Committee as of February 14, 2023, add the Webpage to the inactive list on the town website and add a blurb stating that this committee has been disbanded at this time. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

### **Quarry Flow Device**

**Greg** said he had no updates at this time.

### **Pedestrian and Bike traffic Count by Nashua Regional Planning Commission**

**Buddy** said the Town Planner has asked if we would like NRPC to conduct a foot and bicycle traffic count on the trails. The Board agreed this would be a good base line. **Buddy** said they should get more information on how they plan to count the foot and bike traffic.

## **General Business**

### **Scout Projects - Conservation Service Hours**

**Buddy** said the Town Planner has also reached out to see if there are any project that the Scout could do for Conservation Service hours. The Board agreed they would need more information for example how many Scouts are in need of hours and what kind of project they are looking for. The Board also agreed that the Hobart Fessenden and the Palmer Bartell Trail areas could use someone to go in and pick up the limbs and debris from the last storm that come through.

### **ARPA Funds**

**Dana** asked if anyone has looked into the cameras now that they have approved to use the ARPA funds. **Buddy** said he hasn't had a chance to look into it. They have two years to spend the money.

### **Forester**

**Greg** said they should think about what area they should have a forester come look at. **Jay** said let's look at everything collectively. The Board agreed.

### **Minutes**

**Dana** made a motion to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, non-public (2) minutes. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Dana** made a motion to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, public minutes. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Dana** made a motion to approve the January 24, 2023<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, both public and non-public minutes. **Drew** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

### **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 and RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation and immediately adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Jerry**. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Jerry**, **Sean**, **Roy**, and **Greg** all voted yes.

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

### **Adjourn**

**Drew** made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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**Jay Chrystal**, Vice Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_

**Jerry Jaworski**, Member, \_\_\_\_\_

**Drew Kellner**, Alternate, \_\_\_\_\_

**Dana Ketchen**, Selectboard Representative, \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by **Kristen Austin**

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