



**TOWN OF  
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**Minutes  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
Conservation Commission**

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

**Absent: Sean McNair, Alternate 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.

**Buddy** said due to the Snowstorm on March 14, 2023, the Conservation Commission had postponed the March meeting until tonight (3/21/2023).

**Drew** said this is Dana’s last meeting with us as a Selectboard representative. He thanked her for all her hard work and being the driving force behind creating the Conservation Commission Logo. **Jerry** said no one was looking at a logo for the Conservation Commission and this has highlighted the visibility of the Conservation Commission you will be missed.

**Minutes**

**Dana made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of February 28, 2023 and February 12<sup>th</sup> both sets (1) and (2). Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

**Dana made a motion to accept the public and non-public (1) and (2) minutes of February 14, 2023. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0**

### **Antonio Stevens - Scout Projects**

**Tom** said this was intended for the April Meeting.

### **Trail Discussion**

**Jay** said he has had a number of complaints about the piles of horse dropping piles at the ADA compliant Mary's trail. This is a smaller trail and specifically built for wheelchair accessibility. They are not easily able to get around the piles. **Linda Roth** (Hood Road) was in attendance via Zoom, and she stated that horse droppings are non-toxic and therefore not required to be picked up. **Tom** said this trail is narrow and there's not a lot of places to pull off to allow horses to go by if somebody is in a wheelchair. **Tom** said the primary reason for this trail is wheelchair accessibility. **Drew** said they are not looking to close this trail, just maybe some self-policing with the horse community. **Linda** said she wasn't aware that this trail was highly used by handicapped or wheeled chair accessible people. The horse community may not realize that this was specifically designed to be ADA complaint. The Board agreed that getting the word out that this is an ADA complaint trail and adding signs is a good start.

### **Trails Closed for the Season**

**Tom** said the trails have been officially closed for the season.

### **Palmer Bartell Beaver Pond**

**Greg** said he noticed that the old box culvert that runs under the rail trail may be an issue. One side by the big pond had fallen in and is closed up a little bit more. They will have to look into how to fix this.

### **Plan review site plan. Lot F-4-3, 8 Post Office Drive**

This is the site plan for the proposed Flawless Flooring that will be going in on Post Office Drive. This is scheduled for the Planning Board Meeting in March and they are asking if the Conservation Commission has any comments or concerns. The Board reviewed the plan and agreed they had no issues or comments.

### **Mail**

**Dana** read the mail form the Nashua River Water shed newsletter:

“Scientist in residence lessons for approximately 2,500 students in 80 classes at 12 schools throughout the watershed providing 205 programs. The majority of lessons were provided in person, supplemental with virtual interactive lessons and standalone NRWA original videos. Funded by grants from an anonymous foundation, Synthomer Foundation, the Progin Foundation, and a Massachusetts Cultural Council STARS Residency.” **Dana** sked if the BCC had put any effort into this. The Board stated when Jordan was on the Board a few years ago this had been brought up also.

### **NRWSA Zoom Meeting**

**Drew** said Nashua River Watershed is holding a zoom meeting for the stake holders along the Nissitissit River. They were looking for information on what they should key in on for land preservation along the Nissitissit River. **Jay** suggested invasive species and they need more cross state conservations.

**Lot D-62**

**Jay** said they have officially closed on the purchase of Lot D-62.

**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 Tom. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Drew, Roy, and Greg all voted yes.

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

**Adjourn**

**Jay** made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman,** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Tom Rogers, Member,** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on April 11, 2023