



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

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**Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Conservation Commission**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting)
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, (Voting)
Tom Rogers, Member, (Voting)
Jerry Jaworski, Member, (Voting)
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, (Voting)
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate
Sean McNair, Alternate
Brain Rater, Alternate Selectboard Representative

Absent:

Buddy 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.

Alternate Reappointment

Tom made a motion to recommend to the Selectboard that Roy Wallen be appointed as an alternate with the term expiring in March of 2026.

Dana Ketchen stated she was interested in being an alternate on the Conservation Commission.
Jerry said he suggested that they have this discussion in nonpublic as they agreed to in a

previous meeting. **Jay** suggested they waive the usual requirement of attending a couple of meetings before they make a recommendation as she's been a Representative for two years.

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Tom made a motion to nominate Francis “Buddy” Dougherty as the Chairman of the Conservation Commission and Jay Chrystal as the Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Jerry. Vote yes 5-0.

Antonio Stevens - Scout Projects

Antonio presented the Board with a prototype of the signs that he will be making for the Cider Mill to Pout Pond trail area. Antonio had researched 8 animals and has added photographs and facts to the signs. The signs will be made of aluminum carbonate and the signs will be printed right on the aluminum. **Tom** asked what the time frame would be. **Antonio** said it would be done this summer. The Board said this was an impressive sign they thanked him for all his hard work. **Greg** asked how they will be attached to the ground Antonio said pressure treated plywood. **Jerry made a motion to approve Antonio’s design and to congratulate him on such an informative and nicely designed sign. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0. Buddy** said he would like Tom to help direct him on where to put the signs on the path.

Trail Discussion

Tom said Kyle Lotring has sent him a reminder about the trail going through his property they will need to reroute. This is off Summit Lane he reminded the Board that they were waiting for spring and the area to dry up before Amos White could get his equipment in there to reroute this trail. Tom would reach out to Amos, but he had stated before that it would take a day or two to do this.

Drew said he met with Mike from the BPW at the Bartell Palmer parking area this morning and they will be working on the west edge of the parking lot pushing back 6 to 8 feet to increase the parking size. BPW department will cover the labor and equipment and we will cover the material. This should happen sometime in the next four weeks. This should cost more than \$2,000. **Drew made a motion to allow the purchase not more than \$2,000 for material to enlarge the Bartell Palmer parking lot. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Drew said the Kecy Road parking lot is still on Mikes (BPW) To Do List but he's not there yet. This will be the turnaround and parking area Drew thought they agreed on a cost of \$2,400.

Mary's Trail - horse droppings discussion

Buddy said he believes that there needs to be larger signs for that area that state no horses. **Tom** agrees the width of this trail is concerning and it wasn't meant for this kind of weight. The Board agreed to add larger signs stating no horses. **Drew** said he would search for no horse signs to purchase.

Hobart Fessenden Trail

Jerry said the trails weathered the winter some note work is needed in this area especially off Sargent Road.

Camp Flannery

Buddy said he wants to revisit the discussion about the grassy field behind Camp Flannery. He showed pictures to the Board that this is a wet area not a grassy field that they can gain access to Talbert Taylor from this area. **Jerry** said access to Talbert Taylor from Camp Flannery also crosses over private property and we do not have the right to give permission to do that. **Drew** said if it's open water you can access it. **Jerry** said we're not precluding it, but we can't give access over private land we don't own. **Tom** said it's not always deep enough for a canoe. Our lot borders the Hall Property. The State of New Hampshire states if you can access it by water.

PLC Easement

The Board agreed they need to remove the fence off Lot F-104 that the previous abutting lot owner had put up. They agreed to have Jay remove the fence. **Drew** said if you pull it out of there and it is in good shape, we will figure out what to do with it.

Jerry and Greg have received information on how many stakes are needed and how to stake boundaries.

Jerry said they need stakes for the following reasons.

1. Landowner of established house lots is using Easement property for storage (Boats, firewood, etc.) or disposal of yard waste and/or construction debris.
2. The Easement property is directly adjacent to (and is often incorporated into) landowners maintain yard.
3. Landowner adamantly admittedly believes or behaves as if Easement property belongs to landowner.

Jerry has pulled together a spreadsheet with the Hobart Fessenden encroachment issues. The Board reviewed all the encroachment issues The Board discussed the new stakes with the boundary signs. **Drew** said he will get an updated quote. **Brendan** said he likes that the stakes are double sided.

Spring Clean Up

Spring Cleanup will be held the week of April 22nd thru April 30th.

Dupaw Gould Road

The Board agreed they will need to add no dumping signs at this location this year not that this area has been cleaned up.

Pedestrian Bridge being built next to

Jay said there was a catastrophic failure of the dewatering system during construction of the pedestrian bridge that is being built on Masson Road last weekend. The filter in the dewatering system had split and sediment has gotten into the river, so it looked like the Nashua River 40 years ago for a while last weekend. The company that is doing the work has been advised that the next time they dewater they are to contact himself and Tad Putney before they start that process again. **Tom** said there were no chemicals involved, just sediment that was being dredged up. Jay said that is correct, but the sediment is toxic.

Online store

Dana said she is looking at setting up the online store for the new Logo merchandise. The Board discussed what they would like to offer through the store.

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) for reputation and immediately adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Brendan, Drew, Roy, Greg, and Brian all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

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Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on May 09, 2023