



**TOWN OF
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Conservation Commission**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting)
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, (Voting)
Jerry Jaworski, Member, (Voting)
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, (Voting)
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate (Voting for Tom)
Sean McNair, Alternate (Arrived at 8:36pm)
Brain Rater, Alternate Selectboard Representative

Absent: Tom Rogers, Member

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.

Buddy asked Greg to Vote for Tom. **Greg** agreed.

Lake Host – Aidan Maquire

Aiden gave a recap of last year. The Lake Host program logged 600 hours at the boat launch, average hours were from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM most every day they had staffing, they also had 24 volunteer hours which he sought out through Facebook. They performed 1,200 inspections last year. For this year he would like to start for the weekend of June 18th and run through August 19th they want to staff the boat launch again from 8:00 to 5:00 if the budget allows. He will also reach

out for more volunteers through Facebook like he did last year. The Board thanked Aiden for all his hard work.

Antonio Stevens - Eagle Scout Project

Antonio announced that his last fundraiser will be a car wash on June 3rd at the safety complex on Post Office Drive from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The rain date is June 10th. This is for the Wildlife signs for the Cider Mill to Pout Pond trail area.

Laurie Stevens had asked if there were any other projects that Scouts could volunteer for. **Buddy** said there is quite a bit of storm damage on the trails. They could clear the trails from sticks and pile them off to the side. He suggested that they coordinate Tom Rogers. **Laurie** asked if this was a pickup and clear project with no cutting involved. **Buddy** said that's correct.

ZBA Case Review, need a finding of fact, to allow a reduction in the wetlands buffer to build and addition on lot F-60-2, 49 Rocky Pond Road.

Jay recused himself from this discussion as he is a friend of the applicant.

The applicant Chris Pestana was in attendance along with Don Scott a landscape architect from Harrisville NH, and Christopher Gudia with FieldStone. **Buddy** said they are going to the Zoning Board of Adjustment requesting a special exception under Section 1107.04 Wetlands Conservation District of the Brookline Zoning Ordinance for a reduction of the wetlands buffer to allow an addition to be built on lot F-60-2 consisting of 2.890 acres.

The criteria under section 1107.04 is that the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall grant a special exception permitting a reduction of the buffer zone upon determination that, in light of the findings of fact from the Brookline Conservation Commission, the results of the wetland functions and value assessment indicate that the wetland is of such value that the proposed use will not conflict with the purpose of this ordinance.

Don reviewed the plan and photos of the house and sketches of the proposed project. The proposed access path provides access to the rear of the building for construction which will be restored to a natural grass surface once the project is complete. They reviewed the stormwater runoff he handed out the wetlands function and values assessment that was provided to the Board via e-mail. **Don** showed the Board photos of the house and the proposed renovations / addition. They will be moving the master bedroom and adding more storage in the basement. There will be a patio added which is included in the photos also. Christopher Guida from FieldStone also reviewed the wetland function and values, he stated this is an intermittent function and values with streams and aquatic life. This does dry out occasionally during the year. He explained the map and the delineated wetlands, showing where it drains into the stream, and where the stream behind the house does go into a larger stream. What they are proposing will maintain the wetland's function. They will add orange fence to keep people from dumping into the delineated area when moving material over the access way during construction. They will also be using silk socks in certain areas. The Board suggested that they add a note stating that the Building Inspector should go out and make sure this has been done before construction has started. **Chris** agreed they could make sure he checks that. **Drew** said our job is to determine that this use does not conflict with the purpose of the wetland conservation district. He suggested they recommend that the Zoning Board makes a condition of approval that someone makes sure that the filtration devices are in place before construction.

Don also went over the plants that they are proposing 18 plants, 8 evergreens and shrubs to for privacy. **Jerry** said this is a seasonal stream, so it is a low value wetland. **Brandan made a motion that the Conservation Commission finds that the proposed expansion project does not conflict with the purpose of the wetland conservation buffer zone. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Planning Board Case review – SD#2023-1:D-7 Open Space subdivision, Lot D-7 off of Route 13, Comments for the Planning Board.

Buddy read the Planning Board notice, this is an application by Federal Hill Properties to create an open space subdivision of Lot D-7 with six residential lots and one open space lot. The residential lots range from 1.22 acres to 1.494 acres and the open space lot will be 12.975 acres. Residential lots will be served by well and individual septic systems so no for this lot is residential slash agricultural with a small portion in the aquifer protection district overlay. The Planning Board is asking if we have any comments on this plan.

The Board reviewed the plan. **Jay** stated very little of this lot is in the aquifer protection district. There are two stormwater management basins, it looks like the majority of the water coming off this lot will be retained in those two basins and after flowing through riprap would all dump into the quarry. **Buddy** said this should be a non-salt area. **Jay** said the bigger concern is the salt that comes off Route 13. **Drew** said he has no comment on this plan. **Jay** said this was pretty cut and dry everything stays away from wetlands and the Board agreed they had no comments for the Planning Board.

Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve the March 21st, 2023, public and non-public minutes as written. Jerry seconded it. Vote yes 4-

Brandon made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023, public and non-public minutes as written period Jerry seconded period vote yes 5-0 period.

Trail Discussion

Jerry said he installed the sign at Conneck Rd at the shared driveway. He also populated the kiosk. He would like to add an arrow sign, so it points to the trail off to the left.

Jerry has purchased signs for Mary's trail that state no horses. Signs for the Cliff Trail that state no mountain bikers. Four signs with the rules listed on the Talbert Taylor preserve, which he would like to post one at the Sassafras Trail, one at the High View Trail, one at the Talbert Taylor Trail, and one at the plastic gate that the snowmobiles come in and out. He is asking for approval to spend \$281.40 for the signs and signposts.

Jay made a motion to allow Jerry not to exceed \$300 to purchase what he needs for the signs they just spoke of from the trail maintenance line item. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Drew discussed the boundary signs he said the quote from Berntsen using shipping to the DPW total was \$4,554. We could have Meridian by the tool to install these boundary signs or we could buy the tools so we could do it the Meridian can use it. **Jay** said they should just buy the tool so that they don't need Meridian to install any posts. **Jay moved to authorize the purchase per the**

quote from Berntsen in the amount of \$4,554 for the purchase of signs to mark town boundaries from the BCC fund under trail maintenance. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Greg said he received new pricing on a pipe for the deceiver at Palmer which is \$196.20. When we update the device with one length of pipe. **Jerry** said the wire fence should stop the debris but after that heavy rain came down the debris crushed the fencing. **Greg** said if they do have a heavy flow most of the flow is being handled by the covert. **Jerry moved to allow Greg not to exceed \$250 for the purchase of a 12 inch 20 foot length of pipe for the quarry trail from the trail maintenance fund. J seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Buddy received a message that there is a steep embankment when you come off the Potanipo Rail Trail bridge and there is a potential that someone may fall down the embankment. **Drew** said he did notice that, and the angle is steep. It looks like it was a beaver drag that created this. The Board agreed to have that fixed with crushed gravel. **Drew** suggested for now to add a cone or safety tape.

Brendan said there was an email about a tree down with some fence damage at 24 South Main Street. He was wondering if that was resolved. **Greg** said yes, the tree was removed, and the fence was fixed.

Buddy discussed the list of gates he would like to install at Talbot Taylor and Hobart Fessenden woods he is working on getting prices. The gate at the Powerlines in the Ball Hill area was broken and it needed a pin, he was able to find one thanks to Steve Crook with John Brown, at no cost he will just need to get out to install it. He would like to add a green gate at Talbot Taylor pond at the road. He said Amos quoted him \$1,200 to install the gates. The John Brown gate is \$6,750 dropped off but will install for \$2,300. **Buddy** said he will speak with Amos about those gates.

Talbot Taylor Flow Device (Greg)

Greg said he would like to get a group out to Talbert Taylor to remove the debris from that area so they can install a flow device. The bottom of the intake filter is clogged. **Buddy** said there's a lot of material out there maybe we should get a machine out there to remove the Muck.

Spring Clean Up

Brian said the Lions Club would be willing to take over spring clean-up in the spring. The Board agreed that would be a great idea.

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 after the meeting. Seconded by Jerry. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, 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, Jerry, Brendan, Drew, Roy, Greg, and Brian all voted yes.

Adjourn

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

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Greg Martin, Alternate, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on June13, 2023