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TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Conservation Commission

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting) Jerry Jaworski, Member, (Voting) Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, (Voting) Drew Kellner, Alternate Roy Wallen, Alternate (voting for Jay) Greg Martin, Alternate (Voting for Tom)

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, Tom Rogers, Member, Brain Rater, Alternate Selectboard Representative, and Sean McNair, Alternate.

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 <u>not</u> 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.

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023, public and non-public minutes as written. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

<u>Camp Flannery – History for kiosk update, clean – up, pit toilet, building status (Jerry)</u> <u>Modification to Sargent Trail (Jerry)</u>

Jerry said he has visited the kiosk at Camp Flannery, the information is outdated by five years. There is information on the Flannery Family, their family has the most purple heart issued to one family in New Hampshire. This is a large family in concord, the kiosk has a lot of information on the Flannery Family. **Jerry** said he is trying to get more information on Robert Flannery and then will update the kiosk. The lot is a mess and needs to be cleaned up. The Board discussed what to do with the building. They agreed that the building is dry and doesn't need any maintenance at this point to leave it locked. If the maintenance bill for the building becomes more of an expense, they would have to discuss it again. There still needs to be a pit toilet built on this lot because the scouts need to have a porta potty at this location in order to stay overnight. A Porta Potty is a big expense for them.

Sargent Trail Modification

Jerry said he and Tom met with Antonio Stevens to locate the wildlife displays. **Jerry** provided the Board with a map with the locations of the signs.

He also suggested that they change a couple of names on trails, for example the current connector trail that Amos White just did all that work on should be a part of the Sargent Trail and the Spur should be called the Connector Trail. **Jerry** provided a map to the Board.

Jerry made a motion to change the existing name Connector Trail to be renamed the Sargent Trail and the Spur will be called the Sargent Spur. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Palmer Bartell Cabin repair and long term status (Jerry)

Jerry asked that this item be added to the next agenda.

Update on signs for Palmer Bartell and Nissitissit River Park (Jerry)

Jerry said he and Roy have installed the no horse signs on the Mary's Trail and the signs at the Cliff Trail that state No Bikes at the bottom of the trail. The top of the hill was a bit more difficult; they were unable to dig a post hole without hitting ledge, so they propped it up with rocks temporarily.

Jerry said he has the signs for the Talbot Taylor Preserve but has not put them up yet. **Drew** suggested that they put no parking signs in front of gates signs. **Brendan** suggested that they contact NH the Beautiful, and they may have signs for Municipality's.

Boundary Marker Update (Drew)

Drew said the boundary markers have been ordered and were delivered to BPW Garage already. **Jerry** asked if Mike had the room, could we store them there. **Drew** said it would be nice to store them at the annex where all our other things are stored. **Roy** asked if they should start scheduling a day to install these markers. **Drew** said they may want to wait for the fall for some of the lots.

Ghost Train

Buddy said they have received a check for the 2022 Ghost Train Rail Race in the amount of \$10,311.08. Milford received the same amount.

General Business

Brendan asked if there has been any progress on the cameras that they were going to purchase with the ARPA Funds. **Buddy** said he has not gone forward with this yet.

Brendan said the Selectboard is asking if all the departments and the Boards could look into their budgets and see if they are able to give 2% back for the legal budget. The Board said they will look into it.

Brendan said the Selectboard is also looking for volunteers for the Perambulation of town bounds. The Selectboard is tasked to do this every year.

Drew said if the BCC wanted to put a float in the Fourth of July Parade, they are more than welcome to use his flat bed, but he will not be in town. **Drew** though a float with all the trail user represented would be great, Hikers, Bikers, snowmobiles etc.

Greg said he picked up the section of pipe from the BPW garage and brough it to Palmer. He has not seen the invoice for that yet.

Buddy said he has access to a larger tractor this summer so he will be able to use it to mow the railroad bed.

Non-public

Buddy 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, Jerry, Brendan, Drew, Roy, and Greg all voted yes.

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

<u>Adjourn</u>

Greg made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Member, _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, _____

Greg Martin, Alternate, _____

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on July 11, 2023