



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

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

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting)
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman (Voting)
Jerry Jaworski, Member (Voting) (✓) (A, 1, 2)
Drew Kellner, Member (Voting)
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, (Voting)
Roy Wallen, Alternate
Greg Martin, Alternate, Alternate
Sean McNair, Alternate (Arrived at 8:39pm)

Absent: ~~Alternate, Jerry Jaworski, Member and~~ Brain Rater, Alternate Selectboard Representative.

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.

Public Hearing – Easement Purchases

Buddy read the public hearing notice “Pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 36-A:5, the Brookline Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 14, 2023, at or about 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room with a hybrid (zoom). This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Funds up to Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of purchasing Easements for the Railroad Bed.”

Jay said this request was set forth a couple of years ago when they were trying to purchase easements along the railroad bed to the Milford Line. This will allow the Commission to maintain

it and use it. Jay said this is a blanket amount so they can negotiate with owners for easements. Jay said they would like to own from the Townsend border to the Milford town line. Jay made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:15pm. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Jay made a motion to vote to authorize the use of \$75,000 from the Revolving account of funds (Ghost Train Funds). Jerry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Introduction to Forrester Eric Oxman Granite State Forestry Services (Jay)

Jay introduced Eric to the Board. They had a discussion about the need for someone to complete forest management plans in the future for each of the areas in town that the BCC maintains. Eric explained there are many different management plans and gave examples. Eric said he can bring a few examples of the management plans that he has completed to the office so they can be scanned and emailed out to the Board for review.

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Jay made a motion to approve all five sets of non-public minutes of November 2, 2023, as written. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Jay made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of October 10, 2023 as written. Jerry seconded. ^{Vote} yes

Ghost Train Rail Race (October 14 & 15) update

Drew said this was a very profitable this year. They also had a few donations. At the wrap up meeting they discussed making this event bigger, they decided for next year they will keep the same cap.

Turkey Trot 5K Race (November 23)

Drew said 82 people have signed up already the Max is 100. The porta potty is the only expense for this event. They will only need a few people to help during this event, they will do manual timing and they will need to be there at about 6:30 in the morning.

Status of GIS updates submitted to NRPC in April 2022 (Jerry)

Jerry said was working closely with Nashua Regional Planning Commission to correct the information they had on conservation land. In 2022 he had done a complete overhaul of the conservation land and sent the information into NRPC. He just discovered that all the information he had given to NRPC had never been uploaded. This information also doesn't get uploaded to Granite. He has emailed Michele (Town Planner) and Scott (Town Administrator) and explained his involvement with NRPC and his concern about our information not getting uploaded.

Hood Trail re-route (Jerry)

The Board agreed to hold off on this discussion.

Camp Flannery (Greg)

Greg said he met with Laurie Stevens at there is a Scout interested in building the pit toilet at Camp Flannery. She suggested two designs a pit toilet or a moldering toilet. The Commission will need to pick the place and have the paperwork submitted to DES. This will be considered a septic, and they will need to speak to our Health Officer. **Brendan** said at the moment our Building Inspector is filling in for the Health Officer. **Greg** said he will email Roy all the information because this could be a Scout Project. **Drew** said he will reach out to Randy Haight (Meridian Land Services) to see if he would be willing to throw a few hours into working on this seeing as it is a Scout Project.

Taylor Dam Maintenance (Greg)

Greg said that Matt reached out via text to make him aware that he would be going out to maintain the dam. ~~He and~~ Matt mowed the dam and they cleaned that area up. Will the Commission be willing to put together a checklist of things that need to be done or checked on a yearly basis. Would it behoove Matt to send Kristen an email explaining what maintenance he will be doing.

Buddy said he spoke to Matt and he said he never found the pile of rocks they had talked about a couple of meetings ago.

Update on PLC property boundary marking/Meridian blazing (Greg)

Greg asked if we had received the markers. **Drew** said they are being stored at the Brookline Public Works building. We also purchased the tool to install them. We just need to create a list of lots that need to be marked and give it to Meridian Land Services.

Drew asked if PLC has any plans to reblaze the markers. He thought they had discussed blazing every three years.

Hobart Fessenden Woods

Jerry said the bridge was fixed by the IceBreakers. They didn't affix the middle board on the bridge.

Jerry said Antonio Stevens has installed the wildlife signs cider mill woods. They look stable and like they will last for a long time. **Drew** suggested that they have Antonio Stevens send the digital

files ~~field~~ to Kristen. **Roy** said he will reach out to his mother Laurie Stevens.

Security Cameras

Brendan asked what the status of the security cameras was. **Buddy** said he had spoken to Dave Pease about security cameras and Greg was pulled into this conversation. **Greg** said Dave gave us some good information to go forward with.

Hunting signs

Jerry said he updated the hunting signs to something easier to read.

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, RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for reputation and immediately adjourn after

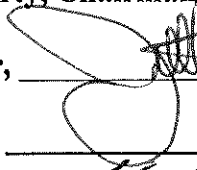
the meeting. Seconded by Jerry. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Drew, Jerry, Brendan, Roy, Sean, and Greg all voted yes.

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

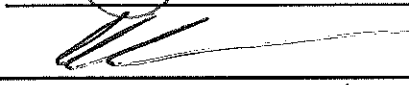
Adjourn

Brendan made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chair, 

Jerry Jaworski, Member, 

Drew Kellner, Member, 

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, 

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on December 12, 2023