



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Conservation Commission**

**Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, (Voting)
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman (Voting)
Jerry Jaworski, Member
Drew Kellner, Member (Voting)
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, (Voting)
Greg Martin, Alternate**

Absent: Roy Wallen, Alternate, Sean McNair, Alternate and Brian 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.

Comments for Planning Board Case SP#2024-1:H-90, 89 Route 13, Belletetes

Trevor Yandow from Meridian Land Services was here to present the Site plan for Belletetes. They're looking at buying the property located at 89 route 13, known as Bingham Lumber. The wood flooring and the reclaimed wood business will remain on this lot. This purpose of this plan is to permit and construct A proposed office, storage, and retail building it's the front of the property by Route 13 and a drive through lumberyard. This property is split zoned Commercial / Industrial and Residential /Agricultural. Utilized as commercial. This lot is subject to the Flood Plain and the Aquifer Protection District.

% impervious service is required they Require that they have chloride free products for deicing.

The Board had the following comments for the Planning Board:

1. Any current floor drains should be permanently capped or plugged to avoid any chemicals draining.
2. Require they have chloride free products for deicing.

Public Hearing at or about 7:15pm

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 **January 09, 2024**, at or about **7:15 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room. This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Funds in the amount of **Fifty Five Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$55,090)** for the 2024 Bond Payment due for the acquisition of lots K-33 and K-34, Cummings/ Martin Purchase.”

Jay said the Board has to cover the Bond payments for the purchase of Lots K-33 and K-3 from the BCC Funds. With no further comments or public input, **Drew made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Brendan. Vote yes 5-0.**

Drew made a motion to utilize \$550,000.90 from the BCC fund to pay the 2024 bond payment for the purchase of lot K-33 and K-34. Brandon seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Lot K-34 Trail Designation (Drew)

Drew suggested having NRPC go out and GPS this trail there is a portion that is not correct on the maps. This trail does dump onto the Jeff Smith Trail. **Drew** said he has done some research through the registry of deeds for some historical names.

New Hunting Laws (Drew)

Drew said there is a new law as of January 1 of 2024 for municipality owned property only for game cameras is any camera placed on a piece of property owned by the municipality needs to have a name and contact information on it. Tree stands are allowed up from April 25th through June 1st and again from August 1st to December 31st they are allowed to be up for two cycles. The owner’s name and contact information need to be on the tree stand. The Board will need to come up with language to allow stands to be out provided that they are maintained by the owner. **Jay** is in favor of keeping them up as long as they are maintained. **Jay** said if the stand does not have the name and address on it then it can be removed. **Drew** said we would need to ask a Commission officer to remove it and then he could tell the Board to that it was OK to remove. **Drew** said they do not need permission for either camera or a tree stand as long as the contact information is on each unit. **Buddy** asked if the Conservation Commission puts up cameras will they need to put their contact information on as well. **Brendan** son we should have our name and contact information on it would just be good practice. **Brendan** also suggested they add a sign to each of the kiosks with information on these new laws. The Board also agrees that they do not have an issue if somebody leaves a tree stand up all year long as long as it is maintained. **Drew** said that he will have to come back and create a policy.

Cabin in the woods damage (Palmer)

Buddy said Amos white went out today to look at the cabin in the woods that was damage during the last storm he said it is not a complete loss the repairs could cost about \$10,000. He believes this has a lot of historical value. **Jerry** said it was built in 1947. **Drew** asked in the 20 plus years how this building has been used. **Jay** said the Boy Scouts camped out there a while ago. **Buddy** said the kids that built the stairs behind the cabin on the quarry trail camped there while constructing that trail. **Jerry** said he and Greg went out to review the property. He said the roof has some rot damage the floor also needs repair, and the chimney is in rough shape. **Drew** suggested they could put the word out that they may have to demo the building and see if people are willing to donate or have any desire to save this building. This could be a pavilion as opposed to a roof with four walls. The Board agreed they should put up do not enter signs and caution tape around the building until they figure out what to do. Jay will create a press release for Facebook post.

Martin Fields Discussion(Greg)

The Board discussed the Mertin Field and decided to create a map of the field depicting an area where there are burn piles, rocks, invasive species. This lot is wet until late spring so starting with a map to determine which area should be handled first. **Jerry** said Matt Tarr spoke about cutting this down to lawn level.

Taylor Dam Inspection Report (Greg)

Greg asked that this be placed on the February agenda.

Warrant article for Denault land purchase Lot A-2 and B-72, 254 Acres (Jay)

Jay said the purchase and sales agreement was signed at Monday night's select board meeting by the select board. **Drew** made a motion to authorize Francis "Buddy" Dougherty to sign the purchase and sales agreement for the Deneault property Lot A-2 and B-2, seconded by **Jerry**. Vote yes 5-0. The board discussed putting together a presentation to get it out to the townspeople. **Jay** said he will work on a presentation and **Drew** will start contacting people and other groups, for example Rotary Club Lions Club just like they did when they purchased the Martin Cummings property. **Jay** said he will pull together a presentation for the budget hearings. **Drew** suggested they talk about grant funding and any monies received for the purchase of this property after it is purchased should go into the town general fund. Suggested they use conservation commissioned funds towards the purchase of this property. **Brendan** said if they put \$375,000 towards the purchase of lot A-2 and B-72 it would drop the bond request to under \$4 million. The Board agreed. **Drew** made a motion to commit \$375,000 to come out of the Conservation Commission fund to be used for the purchase of lot A-2 and lot B-72, thereby reducing the bond amount requested to no more than \$3,000,975. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Discuss Proposal from Craig Birch (Jay)

Drew recused himself from this discussion.

Jay said he spoke to Craig Birch about forest management plans and Craig emailed him the forest management plan he had done for the Melendy area in 2011. This was emailed to the Board for

review. The only difference between Craig Birch and Eric Oxman is that Craig will not just do the management plan he will also be the forester harvesting and managing the forest.

Taylor Dam Inspection Form (Greg)

Greg said we can add this to the next meeting agenda.

Security Camera

Brendan said he was going to propose to the Selectboard to reduce the amount of money they have allowed the Conservation Commission to order cameras down to \$5,000 and use the remaining \$12,000 towards the purchase of new voting machines.

General Business

Jerry said he has walked the cider mill trail and the Sargeant Trail and both trails have been groomed and used it doesn't look like there has been any damaged.

Brendan said they should be looking into releasing nonpublic minutes.

Brendan said he will be asking the Selectboard to reduce the amount of ARPA funds from \$17,000 to \$5,000 to allow the Selectboard to use the remaining 12,000 to go towards the costs of new voting machines.

Minutes

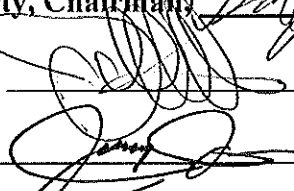
Brendan made a motion to approve the public minutes of December 10, 2023, as written. Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the 11 sets of non-public minutes of December 10, 2023, as written. Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.


Adjourn

Brendan made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Drew 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 February 13, 2024.