



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday January 08, 2013
7:00pm**

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**
 Jay Chrystal, Member
 Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member
 Jordan Bailey, Member

Absent: **Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.**

RTP Grant – Rail Road Bed North of Scabbard Mill Brook Road

Buddy had the Board review the finished RTP grant that was dropped off by Amos White. **Buddy** said Amos hand delivered it to Concord last week. It is due on the 18th of January. They cannot start construction until July if granted. Jay asked if inmate labor was still available. **Buddy** said he would look into it.

Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve the October 16, 2012 minutes both public and non-public as written. Evan seconded. Vote yes 3-0

Jay made a motion to approve the December, 2012 minutes both public and non-public as written. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

BCC Newsletter

Kristen said articles for the newsletter are due by February 22, 2013 to herself or Therry so there is enough time to have it ready for town meeting.

Public Hearing 7:30 pm - Lot B-11 and B-11-1

Buddy opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice “This hearing will consider the use of land acquisition funds in the amount of \$900 plus any associated closing costs for the acquisition of lot B-11 and B-11-1. Lot B-11 is located off Ball Hill Road consisting of .0837 acres and lot B-11-1 is located off Annand Drive (Milford NH) consisting of .0837 acres.” **Jay** explained both lots are along the northern border of Brookline abutting Milford. These are small lots but they connect to land that is already owned by the town in that area. The only amount we have to pay is the \$900 to place the granite bounds and a plan with the new lot lines. Also, we will pay any associated legal cost that will be incurred with this purchase.

Jay made a motion to remove the \$900 plus any associated legal and recording costs from the Land acquisition fund to complete this purchase. Evan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Public Hearing 7:45 pm - Lot H-69

Buddy read the public hearing notice “This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase of H-69 in the amount of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) plus any legal costs incurred. Lot H-69 consists of 20.6 acres located off Proctor Hill Road.” **Jay** said this is a more key piece of land; three of the four sides of this lot abut the Hobart Fessenden Woods. **Jay made a motion to remove the \$22,500 plus any legal costs and recording fees from the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund. Evan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

General Business

Unused 2012 Budget

Buddy said the Conservation Commission had a remainder of \$2,454.58 in the budget at year end and had requested the remainder be moved into the Conservation Commission General Fund.

Gate at Hutchinson Hill Road Lot A-2 (Milford end)

Buddy said Mr. Denault, the owner of Lot A-2, and the Board of Selectmen have asked the Conservation Commission if they would be interested in helping to pay for a gate at the Milford end of Hutchinson Hill Road. **Buddy** said he doesn't think the Conservation Commission should pay for something that will just be vandalized. **Evan** said the road is impassable unless you are on a dirt bike or an ATV. Someone has added some sort of drainage on Hutchinson Hill Road at the Milford end. It was dug down about two feet then built up about two feet. Unless you have a truck that has been lifted, he doesn't believe you would be able to travel that road. If there was a fire in that area, fire trucks couldn't get down that road. **Jay** asked who gave the ok to dig up the road. **Evan** said the loggers must have done it on their way out.

2013 Milfoil Treatment – Lake Potanipo

Jay said the BCC should put in a warrant article for the treatment of milfoil at the lake in 2013. Aquatic Controls is the company that won the bid. They have given the BCC three different treatment options. **Jay** said one of them is something new and he will have to look into it. They may have to include a second warrant article for the divers.

Salting Brookline Roads

Buddy said he attended the last Board of Selectmen's meeting and the Road Agent would like to use salt on the roads when there is a storm. He has asked if he could put a salt shed at the Transfer Station. **Jay** said hopefully there is more than just a shed going in. They should also be looking into drainage around the shed and monitoring wells. The rain will wash the sodium chloride out of the salt because it is soluble. **Buddy** said they only talked about pouring a pad. **Buddy** said the only roads in Brookline that are subject to salt use right now are State Roads. **Evan** asked if that should be a Town vote. **Buddy** said yes although it is being used currently. **Evan** asked, which is more expensive, sand or salt? **Buddy** said salt, but it works better than sand. Sand will just blow away; salt sticks and melts. **Jay** said the Conservation Commission should offer an opinion. The Board agreed. **Buddy** said citizens voiced concerns at the meeting that night and Ann Somers had sent in a letter with her concerns. **Jay** said if they are going to allow the shed up at the Transfer Station, they should have engineered storm water drainage, an upgradient well and a downgradient well for testing at least once a year. **Evan** said there should be a long term plan in place for this shed; this could be a huge liability for the Town. **Jay** said before they make a decision they should put in place environmental controls to monitor for now and the future. **Buddy** said they should also request that the loading area should be under some kind of

cover from the rain and snow. **Jay** said the Conservation Commission should do some research before the Selectmen approve it.

Non-Public

Buddy made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss possible land purchases under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and immediately adjourn the meeting after. Evan seconded. Buddy voted yes. Jay voted yes, Evan voted yes, and Jordan voted yes.

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and seal the minutes. Jordan seconded. Buddy voted yes, Jay voted yes, Evan voted yes, and Jordan voted yes.

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Buddy Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Member, _____

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

**Submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on February 12, 2013**