



Conservation Commission  
March 12, 2013

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

P. O. Box 360  
Brookline, NH 03033

Telephone (603) 673-8855 - Fax (603) 673-8136  
[Kristen@brookline.nh.us](mailto:Kristen@brookline.nh.us)      [www.brookline.nh.us](http://www.brookline.nh.us)

Minutes  
Conservation Commission  
Tuesday March 12, 2013  
7:00pm

**Present:**      Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
                  Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair  
                  Jay Chrystal, Member  
                  Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member  
                  Jordan Bailey, Member

**Absent:** Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

**Christian Santoski & Lynn Giblin Eagle Scout Project**

**In attendance for this meeting are Christian Santoski, Lynn Giblin, and Steven Walsh.**

**Christian** is looking for a life scout project that would consist of 300 hours of work. He said he wanted a project that years from now it would still be there. **Lynn** said hours are calculated accumulatively if two people work for two hours it counts as four hours to the project. **Christian** will be the manager for this project and the project will need enough meat to show that he can lead the group.

**Lynn** said this project will have to show Christian's leadership skills so other Scouts will be working on the project with him. **Buddy** said the area across the street from Bohanon Bridge Road will need a kiosk and a sign at the Cider Mill Brook Trail parking area. The sign would need two posts and routed letters that would stay for a long time, like the signs the state parks have. **Buddy** said he thinks he has the designs for the kiosks. **Jordan** suggested benches for the Cider Mill Brook area. **Jay** said they would like to make some kind of pavilion at the Cider Mill Pond area where people can sit under but it will not be a completely enclosed building, something they can put a couple of picnic tables under. **Jay** said the parking lot could be designed, posts could be added to designate parking areas.

**Buddy** said the cabin in the woods (located at the Palmer Preserve) could use a bridge that was equestrian safe. **Christian** asked how much weight that bridge would have to hold. **Buddy** said about 1,500 pounds. The span would have to be about 15 feet. There was some drainage work done on the trail from the cabin in the woods up to the quarry that trail could be extended to Ball Hill Road. **Lynn** asked how long that trail would be.

**Buddy** said about a half mile. This will only have to be a single track trail.

**Buddy** said all the trails will need to be marked beginning, end, and intersections. Post holes will need to be dug for the signs and then the signs made and put in place. **Lynn** said digging posts would be an Eagle Scout project on its own: that's a lot of work. **Jay** said the town of Brookline has 20 miles of trails.

**Buddy** said they purchased the land behind the Sunoco station we just don't know what to do with it yet.

**Buddy** said the Cliff Trail at some point could use a railing. **Lynn** asked Christian if he wanted to think about what he would like to do and then come to the next BCC meeting to discuss details. **Christian** agreed.



### Minutes

Jay made a motion to release the non-public minutes dated February 12, 2013 of the Conservation Commission. Therry seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

### Mail

### Outdoor Expo

Buddy said the Milford Conservation Commission is holding the Outdoor Expo at the NH Dome this year on April 13, 2013 from 10:00am to 5:00 pm. Buddy suggested the BCC get a booth for the day. Jordan volunteered to go for some of the day and she will contact Steve Latour (Ghost Rail Trail Run) about sharing the booth.

### Saving Special Spaces Conference

Buddy said Saving Special Places Conference will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Buddy said he would like to sign up for that conference. Evan said he would sign up also.

### BCC Facebook page


Jordan Suggested they start a Brookline Conservation Commission Facebook to keep people informed. The Board agreed. Jordan said she would set it up and add Evan as an administrator. The Board agreed. Buddy said to start off they could add the canoe trip down the Nissitissit River that is scheduled for April 27, 2013.

### Non-Public Session

Therry 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. Jay seconded. Buddy voted yes. Jay voted yes, Therry voted yes, Evan voted yes, and Jordan Votes yes.

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

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Therry Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, 

Jay Chrystal, Member, 

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, 

Jordan Bailey, Member, 

Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on April 9, 2013