



Conservation Commission
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Minutes

Conservation Commission

Tuesday May 14, 2013

7:00pm

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

Absent: Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

Christian Santoski – Eagle Scout Project – Cider Mill Pond

In attendance for this discussion Christian Santoski, Eagle Scout, Lynn Giblin, Susan and Michael Santoski.

Christian stated that he would like to add a signage, a parking area, and a kiosk to the Cider Mill Trail Head area for his Eagle Scout Project. He handed the Board photos of different park signs for the Board to choose what it would look like. **Christian** also asked if he would need to pull any permits and if there were fees. **Jay** said the Conservation Commission would take care of all that. The board decided the sign should say:

Cider Mill Pond Trailhead
Conservation Commission
Brookline NH

Buddy said they can add the street number to the post of the sign in case of an emergency. **Buddy** said they can ask Wes Whittier about the street number. **Jordan** asked if Christian would have a sketch of what he is planning for the next meeting. **Christian** said yes he would.

Christian said he would like to add head in parking for 4 or 5 cars. He will put in 6 foot posts 3 feet in the ground. **Buddy** said he has some posts at his house that Christian could use. **Jordan** asked Christian if he will put in one row of poles to delineate the parking area. **Christian** said yes. They measured the area and believe they will have a four car parking area. **Buddy** requested Christian add a sign that said head in parking. **Christian** asked Buddy if he had the blue prints for the kiosks. **Buddy** said he should and will look for them. **Christian** also asked if they wanted a mailbox attached to the kiosk for trail maps and such.

Coffey Grant Consulting and Writing

Gail Coffey from Hollis NH

Buddy said he met Gail at the Saving Special Places conference in the spring this year. **Gail** said she has her own grant writing business. She has worked for the Nature Conservatory and the City of Nashua recently. She was on the Pepperell Conservation Commission for 6 years. Her husband is affiliated with the Nichols Smith Land Trust. **Buddy** said they have been looking into land protection. **Gail** said you would have to raise a lot of money or if you just don't have the time to do the paperwork, she said she has put the paperwork together for many big land projects. **Gail** said she charges \$50.00 an hour for government work and \$40.00 an hour for grant proposals. **Gail** put together a list of funding options the Conservation Commission has and handed it out to the Board.

Jay asked Gail if she was involved with the Beaver Brook Easements project. **Gail** said no: she worked on the Whaleback project off Rocky Pond Road. **Jay** asked if there were funding programs that help fund and logistical how to go about protecting the land permanently. **Gail** said for municipal use. **Gail** asked if they have a conservation fund in Brookline. **Buddy** said they put he would rather use it to buy land.

Buddy said Ian McSweeney with the Russell Foundation is privately funded. **Jordan** said that was a great meeting how do we get started with Ian. **Buddy** said they had already given him a couple of ideas to start working on.

Water Testing

Buddy said he would like to test the water at the Lake as soon as possible. **Jay** said he will get the supplies together and drop off at Kathy Bramley's house.

Matt Waitkins (NRPC) Trail Map

Buddy said Matt was not able to attend the meeting tonight but the Board reviewed the map and found a few edits that will need to be finished before the trail map is completed. The Board removed two trails that are private land owner trails and added two lots that were marked incorrectly. **Kristen** will email Matt the corrections in the morning and hopefully this project will be finished and we can have it available to the public as soon as possible. **Evan** said he is still working on the printing cost.

General Business

Canoe trip in April

Buddy said the Canoe trip went well this year. This was held on Saturday, April 27th. **Jordan** said we had about 17 boats on the river that day.

Take a hike with the BCC event

Jordan asked Buddy if there would be a walk scheduled this month. **Buddy** said he would like to plan a walk to view the Mountain Laurel flowering. **Buddy** said he hopes to in early June. The weather has been cold and they have not flowered as of yet. He will keep checking and let everyone one know what a good day will be to schedule a guided walk.

Tree Cutting on lot D-1

Buddy said Gerry Tanguay plan to have some trees cut on lot D-1. The town holds an easement on that lot. **Jay** said he believes the easement states the lot has to remain in its natural state until or unless the BCC agrees on what is to be cut. **Jay** asked Kristen to email the easement to him in the morning and he will look into it and contact Gerry Tanguay.

National Parks Service Lots H-101 and H-127

Jordan said in the mail there is a copy of an email sent from Lelia Mellen with the National Parks Service. **Buddy** said he had spoken to Lelia before and she had offered her help with any projects that that the BCC may be working on. He contacted her about the lots behind the Sunoco Station, Lot H-101 and H-127. Lelia said she would help the BCC try to figure out what to do with those lots.

Update - RTP Grant – work on the railroad bed from Scabbard Mill Brook North.

Buddy said an update on the RTP Grant. Amos White had gone to lot D-4 to see if he could gain access to the rail road bed from Route 13 using the old logging trail to start the project upgrading the rail trail that the BCC had received the grant for. **Buddy** said Amos though he may have to do some work to use the old logging access to that area but he thought it would be possible.

Code of Ethics

Evan made a motion to adopt the code of ethics as requested by the Board of Selectmen. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

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Jay made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of April 9, 2013 both public and non-public as written. **Evan** seconded yes 4-0.

Non-Public Session

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 after. **Jay** seconded. **Buddy, Jay, Jordan, and Evan** all voted yes.

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

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. **Jordan** Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, _____

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on June 11, 2013

