



## BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### *Conservation Commission*

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### Minutes

### Conservation Commission

Tuesday July 09, 2013

7:00pm

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jordan Bailey, Member  
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative

**Absent:** Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

### Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of June 11, 2013. Jordan seconded yes 3-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission Non-public meeting minutes of June 11, 2013. Jordan seconded yes 3-0.

### Mail

#### Taking Action for Wildlife

This is a collaborative effort by UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Fish and Game Department to assist New Hampshire communities who wish to protect, conserve, or manage wildlife habitat. They offer direct technical assistance to towns interested in incorporating wildlife consideration into local conservation planning and actions. **Jordan** said she needed help fill out this application. The board helped her answer a few questions. **Jordan** said she will send this in. **Jordan** said this is free of charge the only thing they ask is that the Commission sets aside 1 to 1 ½ hours of at least 2-3 meetings to work with the Taking Action staff. They will review wildlife information and facilitate discussion to help the commission move forward with its goals.

### Mail

#### Civic Arboretums

**Jordan** said in the mail there is an email from Spencer Brooks about Civic Arboretums  
Email States:

#### **"Civic Arboretums**

Have you heard about Civic Arboretums? I was asked to speak at an event recently organized by the Sidmouth Civic Arboretum (SCA) and I was really impressed by the concept. Basically the 'arboretum' is not a single site but covers the whole town, with notable trees on both public and private property. With consent, private landowner's trees are included on an ever expanding 'Tree Trail' and a QT tag on the tree gives you all the background information. The walk is covered in a leaflet at the Tourist Information office, but there are also some guided walks with professionals,

such as the one we took in the afternoon following my talk. It really engaged the public - people wanting to join the walk en route, and also the private gardener, having an important tree in his garden, and of course the neighbors, some of these now wanting 'an important tree' too!"

**Jordan** said she will contact the Brookline Garden club and see if they have any suggestions. **Buddy** said she could also contact Clarence Farwell the Tree Warden in Brookline.

### Mail

#### Letter from State of NH – Bureau of Bridge Maintenance

**Buddy** said the Board received a letter stating the State will be doing construction on the Dam over Stickney Brook on the South end of Route 13.

### Walking Guide – Dona Eaton

Not able to attend tonight's meeting.

**Jordan** asked Kristen for Dona's contact information so she could provide trail photos to her.

### Christian Santoski – Eagle Scout Project – Cider Mill Pond

**Kristen** said she received an email from Christian and he is unable to make tonight's meeting and has asked to be put on the August agenda.

### Trail Map – Trail Names

**Buddy** said he wanted to get this finished before tonight's meeting but was unable to. He will work on finishing this before the next meeting so all the trails are named and we can send that information to Matt at NRPC to add to the trail map.

### Lake Host

**Buddy** said Jonah Chazin was our Pont person for the Lake Host program and he is moving. The new Lake Host Point person will be Joe Brooks. He has handed in paperwork to hire Caitlin Sweeney and has one more person he may want to hire as well. All hires pending on NH Lake Association.

### Site plan review- 65 Route 13- Barrel Mill- Jerry Farwell.

**Buddy** said the Planning Board is asking for the Conservation Commissions input on the 65 Route 13 site plan for Jerry Farwell. **Jordan** said so the information they are providing is just an update of what the owner is now doing with the property. **Buddy** said yes. **Buddy's** first concern is that the aquifer protection area isn't marked on the site plan. **Jordan** said she is concerned with the salt storage although it sounds like it is covered and the area is paved. **Brendan** said it is being stored on hot top he said there must be something in the regulations about salt storage. **Jordan** said the State has some pretty strict guidelines. They may even monitor this area. **Buddy** said hopefully the Planning Board goes down the list of ordinances in the aquifer protection section of the Zoning Ordinance (section 1300). **Buddy** said there is also a drainage culvert that was just uncovered. This goes from Jerry's abutters down to Property owned by the Town located along the Nissitissit River. It looks like everything that drains though it ends up down by the Nissitissit River. We should find out how that run off will can be contained.

**Buddy** said he would like to know if they have a dumpster incase there is a leak of some kind and it will need to be hauled away. **Buddy** read Zoning Ordinance Section 1305 (e) which states "Storage of road salt or other de-icing chemicals unless covered and on an impervious surface with berms on any open sides."

The Board would like a letter be sent to the Planning Board with the following concerns:

The plan is insufficient - no topo information, no aquifer protection area marked, drainage, wetlands, etc. Hazardous Material - How will leaks and spills from vehicles are handled, is a dumpster located on the property for disposing of leaking material, is fuel storage allowed in this area.

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Salt storage and use – is the quonset hut sufficient for salt storage, will water run off be an issue, loading salt/sand into trucks.

Screening and crushing materials – how is the silt and/or sediment being handled.

### **L-CHIP**

**Buddy** said Representative Peggy Gilmore had told him that L-chip is fully funded this year. **Brendan** said there us about 8 Million dollars in the fund. **Buddy** said the Board will need to get in touch with Ian from the Russell Foundation and hold a meeting to discuss the L-chip application and see if Ian can work with the Board on that funding. The board agreed.

### **Non-Public Session**

**Brendan** made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss possible land purchases under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) matters if which discussed in public could adversely affect the reputation of any person and immediately adjourn after. **Jordan** seconded. **Buddy**, **Jordan**, and **Brendan** all voted yes.

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

**Brendan** made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. **Jordan** Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_

Jordan Bailey, Member, \_\_\_\_\_

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on August 13, 2013

