



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

*Conservation Commission*

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**Minutes**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**  
**7:00pm**

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

**Absent: Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate, and Darrell Philpot, Selectboard Representative.**

**Minutes**

Not enough people in attendance to approve the minutes.

**Plan Review – PB 2014-6: K-28-1, 2, 5, Comments for Planning Board**

The Planning Board will be hearing this case at an upcoming meeting and they would like to know if the Conservation Commission has any comments. The Board discussed the proposed subdivision off Oak Hill Road and had no comments for the Planning Board.

**Take a Hike with the BCC September 13, 2014 at 9:30am at the newly reclaimed rail road bed between Bohanon Bridge Road and South Main Street.**

**Buddy** reminded everyone that the Take a Hike with the BCC event will be held this coming Saturday September, 13, 2014 at 9:30am. They will be walking the newly reclaimed rail road bed from Bohanon Bridge Road to South Main Street. They will end at the Sunoco State so people can have Doc Davises Ice Cream before they turn around and head back. They will be meeting at the parking area on Oak Hill Road at the ball field. **Buddy** said Charles Martin wrote the book “New Hampshire Rail Trails” he should be there on Saturday as well as State Representative Melanie Levesque to join us for the hike. **Buddy** said Melanie wrote a support letter for this project.

**RTP Grant Rail Road Bed Reclamation Project - discuss payment and reimbursement**

**Buddy** said because of the way the grant was written up the Brookline Conservation Commission will have to pay all expenses to Bentley for the work done. That part of the Rail Road bed is owned by Beaver Brook Association. The total amount that will need to be paid to Bentley Corp for the work done to complete this reclamation project was \$18,647.61 payable to Bentley Management Group. **Jay made a motion to authorize the disbursement of \$18,647.61 for payment to the contractor to Bentley Management Group from the Conservation Commission General Fund for the completion of the reclamation rail road project from Bohanon Bridge Road to South Main Street. Under the stipulation that the**

**reimbursement for this payment be placed back into the Conservation Commission Fund. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.**

### **Conneck Road Bridge Repair**

**Buddy** said he has asked two companies he has requested quotes from will need to contact a third company for a final quote on the bridge repair. If anyone can think of any more companies please let him know.

### **Milfoil Update**

**Buddy** said Amy Smagula from DES emailed the Board a grant application for 2015 Milfoil treatment that is due on September 15, 2014. **Jay** asked Kristen to contact Tad Putney (Town Administrator) to see if he can fill this out and have it submitted by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. **Jay** said they will need to add divers to this grant application. **Buddy** said he would like to ask the Selectboard to add this cost to the Towns Operating Budget instead of the Conservation Commission handling it. This will clearly be a cost for every year.

### **Old Home Days 2014 – booth update**

**Jordan** said they had a pretty good turnout for a hot and sweltering day at Old Homes Day on Saturday. A lot of people asked how they function as a commission. There were a lot of people asking about the Brookline trail system. She handed out quite a few flyers and trail maps.

### **Ron Olsen Trail Clean Up Update – Palmer Boy Scout Camp**

**Buddy** said Ron and his Grandchildren have been cleaning up trails in Brookline they have finished the North Bartell Trail and they are now working on the Boy Scout Cabin on the Palmer Preserve.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

**Buddy** said Christian Santoski's Eagle Scout project is coming along they had Stone for the parking area donated and delivered. He thanked Jennings Excavation and Bentley Management Group for volunteering and donating time and material. **Buddy** said there will be a bill for stone coming to the Commission for about \$263 for the additional stone that was need to finish the parking area. **Buddy** said Christian is working on the sign now. He would like to have this project completed in about 4 to 5 weeks.

### **Lake Water Testing**

**Jay** said they have tested Lancey Brook above and below the Camp Ground. He has Contacted John Car the Brookline Health Inspector to let him know they are having an issue with a high level of E. coli in the water below the camp ground. **Jay** said he contacted the Camp owner to see if they could access the property to take more water samples. The owner agreed and only asked that they call him and let him know when they would be there. **Jay** said DES was contacted but has washed their hands of the issue. They should also be testing for enterococci which is a little more expensive but will tell us more. **Buddy** said we should see if the town will pay for the continuing cost of water testing in this area. **Jay** said they should test again in September and start back up again in April 2015.

### **Reclaimed Rail Road Bed Trail Bohanon Bridge Road to South Main Street**

**Jordan** said they should look into the Parking for this new trail and will there be a crosswalk or a sign. People are parking at the Oak Hill Road Ball Field and walking the trail but this is a very busy intersection there should be something at this location. **Buddy** said they should talk to the Town Administrator and the Chief of Police to see what they suggest.

### **Ghost Train Race**

**Jordan** said she had an update about the Ghost Train they may be able to use the rail road bed this year instead of running along Route 13 which is a danger to all the runners/walkers. This is not definite and

could be changed the day of the race but she will keep the Board informed as to whether or not they will be allowed to use that stretch of rail road bed.

**Appointment of a new BCC Alternate**

**Buddy** said Tom Rogers is in attendance for this meeting and the last few meetings he is interested in being a Conservation Commission member. **Jay made a motion to recommend to the Selectboard that Tom Rogers be appointed as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission with a term expiring in March 2016. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.**

**Non-Public Session**

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

**Jay moved to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Jordan seconded. Buddy, Jay and Jordan all voted yes.**

**Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.**

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

**Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.**

**Next meeting will be held on October 14, 2014**