

# Town of BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Minutes Conservation Commission Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:00pm

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman Jordan Bailey, Member Tom Roger, Member Drew Kellner, Alternate

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative

Absent: Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

#### Minutes

Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 both Public and non-public as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

# Thank you letter - Buddy

Buddy said he would like to send a Thank You letter to Therry Neilsen- Steinhardt for all her years of service. She has been on the Conservation Commission for 15 years and has just recently moved and can no longer be a part of the BCC. The Board agreed to send a thank you card and Buddy asked Jordan to add this letter to the Facebook page.

#### **Update Flannel Bike Crew**

Tom said there was nothing to update at this time. He is planning a walk through with the kids at some point in time. There should be some forward progress to report by the next meeting.

#### Community Garden - Buddy

Buddy said he attended the Community Garden meeting last week. They bounced around some ideas. There is some interest just need to find a place for the garden.

## Oak Hill Road Tree Cutting- New Trail Access on lot K-28-1 - Buddy

Buddy asked Jay to find out if Randy Haight from Meridian would engineer the new path for the Conservation Commission from Oak Hill Road to the Rail Road bed. He would also like to ask the developer if they could remove a few trees for the Commission while they are in there cutting trees to develop these lots.

Jordan said she had been walking the Rail road bed in that area and someone has been cutting trees on town land already. They may just be maintaining this area but she is not sure who it is. Drew said he will ask Peter Smith (Beaver Brook) if they know of any tree cutting along the Rail Road Bed this end of town.

# Update Spring Clean Up Week April 25th through May 3rd

Jordan said this year was a big success it seemed to be more public this year. People were posting picture on Facebook stating the area they had just cleaned. Jim at the Transfer station had set up a table for the signup sheet and a place for the vests. We also offered gloves this year for people to use. Jordan said she had been contacted by Christine Murphy at RMMS and the school had incorporated it as part of their Earth Day ceremonies. They advertised this in the back pack mail on Thursday before the Spring Clean Up week started.

#### **Eagle Scout Project Update**

Tom said he email Kyle Bentall about the Car Wash but hasn't heard anything back yet. Buddy said Christen Santoski still has to attach the sign to the post and stand the sign up.

#### Wetland violation Wallace Brook Lot J-33-34

Buddy said they had met with Meridian Land Services to discuss the Wetlands Permit and while at that location they had noticed the lot adjacent to it had been logged and then there was a rain event. There was not Log Bridge no silt fencing in place etc. Jay said they should contact the Code Enforcement officer. This could be a federal issue if this is a storm water issue.

### Lake Potanipo Lake Herring

Jordan said Michael Bailey with Fish and Wildlife services had said last year's stock did really well. This year they plan to stock about 500 fish while University students do fin clipping and measure each fish before they release into the lake. This will happen until 2017. Jordan said just as a reminder it is illegal to use river herring as fishing bait.

#### Ghost train update

Buddy said there will be a spaghetti dinner again this year during the race. There will be two potential speakers at this dinner Bill Rogers and Randy Pierce. Jordan said they should start a committee for this event. They had raised \$7,000 last year it just increases every year. Drew suggested a 50/50 online ticket sales also for this upcoming event. Buddy said he is also looking for an electronic device to track runners.

#### Selectboard meeting - New Playing Field Committee

Buddy said at last night's Selectboard meeting they stated they are looking to put together a Committee to talk about the need for more playing fields in town.

#### **Bartell Parking Area**

Buddy said they will be setting up a day to try to get rid of the knot weed at the Bartell Trail head parking area.

#### Take a Hike with the BCC

Tom said he would like to set up a hike to the Stone Hut out in the Hobart Fessenden woods. The Board agreed that was a good idea. The date will be June 13, 2013 at 10:00am to meet at the Pope Road parking area.

Buddy made a motion to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) to discuss possible land purchases and to immediately adjourn after. Jay seconded. Roll call vote all in the affirmative Buddy, Jay, Drew, Jordan, and Tom.

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Tom seconded. Roll call vote in the affirmative by Roll call vote all in the affirmative Buddy, Jay, Drew, Jordan, and Tom.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.
Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman,
Jordan Bailey, Member, Onle Bailey
Tom Rogers, Member,
Drew Kellner, Alternate,
Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.
Next meeting will be held on June 9, 2015