



**Town of  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

***Conservation Commission***

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**Minutes  
Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
7:00pm**

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman  
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative  
Jordan Bailey, Member  
Drew Kellner, Alternate, (Voting for Tom)

**Absent:** Tom Roger, Member, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

**Buddy** Asked Drew to vote for Tom. **Drew** agreed.

**Minutes**

**Brendan** made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015 as amended. **Drew** seconded.  
Vote yes 3-0.

**Eagle Scout Project – Camp Flannery – Kyle Bentall**

**Kyle Bentall** said he has just finished the project at Camp Flannery. He has added a patio, a fire pit area, and benches. The total raised for this project was \$763.10 from donations and \$86.82 at the car wash fund raiser he held. He spent \$726.92 on the project and will be donating the \$123.00 to the Conservation Commission. **Kyle** said Tom was very help always answered his questions, phone calls and emails. The Board thanked Kyle for the great job and hard work.

**Brendan** made a motion for the Conservation Commission to accept Kyle Bentall's Eagle Scout Project pending Tom Rogers signature. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

**Brendan** made a motion to accept the \$123.00 donation to the conservation commission and dedicate it to future Eagle Scout projects. **Jay** seconds. Vote yes 4-0.

**Trail Day October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (Bob Rochford)**

**Buddy** said Bob wanted to do a trail day. He is not in attendance for tonight's meeting. **Drew** said he hasn't asked about the dates yet and not sure if they will have many volunteers. The Board agreed they would need to table this until they found out if Bob wanted to run this or find someone who will have time to do so.

### **Grove Water Testing**

**Jay** said the State has taken Max Cohen Grove off the testing area list. The Selectboard has contracted ChemServe to continue the water testing.

### **Water Testing**

**Jay** said they had tested the Lancy Brook and the results seem to be pointing at the natural beaver activity rather than the Camp Ground activity.

### **River/Rail Trail Update (Drew)**

**Drew** said Nissittisit River Land Trust is on Board with the land conveyance. They have received letters of support of this project. This will be a universally acceptable ADA complaint trail. **Drew** said they are reviewing applications now and will have an answer at the end of September.

### **Ghost Train**

**Buddy** said they have been allowed to use RMMS as overfill paring area for the Ghost Train Event. They are sold out at 300 with a waiting list of 50 runners. There will be a spaghetti dinner on Friday at the Church. **Brendan** said the Brookline Democrats are going to be having a pancake breakfast that Saturday morning.

### **Rail Bed Mowing**

**Buddy** said the upper Bartell needs to be mowed and he would like to have this done before the Ghost Trail Race. He would like to get some stone dust up there and shim up that trail also. This can come out of the ghost train money. The Board agreed.

### **Work on Power Lines Upper Bartell Trail**

**Buddy** said he had noticed Eversource working on the Powerlines on the North end of Brookline and he had asked spoken to them. They said they had contacted the Town to let them know that they would be doing some work to this area and had mats to put down so they could cross the wetlands with the skidders and trucks and not do any damage. The Town has not received the paperwork stating what the scope of work was. **Buddy** said he informed the Town Administrator and he has called Eversource to let them know the Town has not seen any notice.

### **Moose Plate Grant**

**Buddy** said he would like to apply for this grant for the upper Bartell Trail. They have applied and received a couple of the Moose Plate Grants. The Board agreed. **Buddy** said he will contact Tad about filling out the grant paperwork. **Jordan made a motion to allow Buddy Dougherty and Tad Putney to proceed with an application for the Moose Plate Grant for the erosion controls located at the Upper Bartell Trail. Drew seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

### **Target Shooting on Town Property**

**Jay** said the Conservation Commission has never established a policy on this and they should have a policy that states they don't allow it. **Brendan** asked if this was the Conservation Commission decision or the Selectboard's decision. **Tad Putney** said there is a network of Conservation Commissions that we can ask for advice from. He will email the NHACC for feedback. **Brendan** asked of the Police Department shooting range is on town property. **Buddy** said it is on town property and built to compliance. It is not open to the public. The Board agreed they should ban it from town property and look into it further. **Jay made a motion to ban all target shooting on conservation land in the Town of Brookline. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

**Milfoil at the Lake**

**Buddy** said someone has said there is a lot of Milfoil between the first house after the Boat Launch and the Bremmers property at the Lake. He will have Aquatic Controls go out to check to see if it is native or non-native milfoil seeing as they just had divers hand pulling the milfoil at the lake.

**Milfoil at Melendy Pond**

**Buddy** said they will be chemically treating the milfoil at Melendy pond. They should have a date set soon and will notify the abutters and the town.

**2016 Budget Discussion**

The Board discussed the budget for 2016 and will submit the budget of \$8026.00 to the Selectboard. No increase same budget total as 2015.

**Cider Mill Pond IceBreakers Snowmobile Club**

**Kevin Majeski** (Brookline IceBreakers) said there is some erosion on the Cider Mill Pond Trail out toward Hobart Fessenden Woods that should be fixed and the access to lot H-75 off Sawtell Road. Once they have received funding from the grant they will complete the work in this area. They will have about \$1,400 to spend on trail maintenance.

**Non-Public**

**Drew** made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 (d) and (e) for the purpose of possible land acquisition and legal purposes and immediately adjourn. **Jordan** seconded. Roll call vote **Drew** said yes, **Brendan** said yes, **Buddy** said yes, **Jay** said yes and **Jordan** said yes.

The Board invited Tad Putney Town Administrator to stay for the non-public session.

**Brendan** made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. **Jay** seconded. Roll call vote **Drew** said yes, **Brendan** said yes, **Buddy** said yes, **Jay** said yes and **Jordan** said yes.

**Brendan** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. **Drew** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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

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

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Minutes submitted by **Kristen Austin**.

Next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015

