



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, December 08, 2015
Conservation Commission
7:00pm**

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

Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Tom Rogers, Member.

Buddy asked Drew to vote for Jordan and Eric to vote for Tom. They both agreed.

Piscataquog Land Conservancy – Chris Wells

Chris Well from Piscataquog Land Conservancy said he had spoken to Jay Chrystal a few months ago and agreed to meet with the Board. He handed out the latest newsletter to the Board. He said they have been around for 45 years. They are based in New Boston and are a 501 C 3 Land Trust. They have a staff of 4 full time people. For there size they are solid financially. They are also enrolled in Terra Firma Insurance. **Chris** said when he had spoken to Jay Chrystal and he said the Board was interested in protecting the Conservation Land in Brookline. The PLC has recently decided to expand further south to Brookline and surrounding towns. **Buddy** asked how much he though it would cost to protect the Conservation land in Brookline. **Chris** said it would depend on how much of the land needs to be protected and how much survey work would need to be done. Survey would be the biggest factor in determining the cost. Could be anywhere from 2 to 3 thousand dollars upwards to 25 to 30 thousand dollars. **Drew** asked if they had an easement template they work off and add wording for different towns. **Chris** said they do and the Board would decide what the wording would be in the end.

Trial Use North End – Evan Gerekos

Evan said he would like to propose the use of conservation land in the North end of Brookline for ATV's and wheeled vehicles. These trails are used illegally daily by all ages. He would like to create a club that would work with the Town and help to maintain these trails. The club name is the Brookline Trial Riders and is an informal club at the moment. **Drew** asked about funding for the club. **Evan** said there would be a membership fee of \$35. This money would be used for trail maintenance. **Eric** said this would attract more people to Brookline.

The Board suggested that Evan start with the surrounding landowners to see about getting written permission and inquire about the liability. Then return to the Conservation Commission to discuss it further.

Trail Discussion

Drew said he walked the connector trail with Peter Smith (Beaver Brook Association). **Peter** stated if they redirect this a little towards the south there is a nice rock overlook view that they could add to this connection trail. There is interest in making this a connecting trail.

River Rail Trail

Drew said they held a walkthrough a couple of weeks ago with Lelia from the National Park Service. The biggest concern is the fire department access. **Buddy** maybe they can get some gravel donated for that area. **Drew** said he hasn't seen her write up yet about the visit.

Conneck Bridge

Brendan said he has been out to Conneck Bridge since the last discussion and took photos of the poor condition of the bridge. He shared the photos with the Board. If they are unable to fix this right away they should put up signs.

Non-Public

Brendan made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 (e) for legal purposes and immediately adjourn. **Drew** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Brendan**, **Drew**, and **Eric** all voted yes.

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

Unexpended funds from the 2015 Budget

Buddy said although there is almost nothing left over they should make the motion to move any unspent funds into the BCC General Fund at the close of the 2015 budget year.

Drew made a motion to move any unexpended 2015 money into the Conservation Commission fund. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the October 13, 2015 Minutes both public and non-public as written. **Buddy** seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Brendan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Rep., _____

Drew Kellner, Alternate, _____

Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate, _____

Minutes submitted by **Kristen Austin**.

Next meeting will be held on January 12, 2016