



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
Conservation Commission
7:00pm**

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

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve both the public and non-public minutes of the November 10, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting as written. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve both the public and non-public minutes of the December 8, 2015 Conservation Commission as written. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Tom Zajac, Hayner-Swanson Inc. Dunkin Donuts, 176 Route 13, Route Lot E-22-2, Wetlands Permit.

Tom said this proposed Dunkin Donuts restaurant is located at 176 Route 13. Currently the owner has a Dunkin Donuts at the Sunoco station in Brookline. This new location will be a one story building located in the center of the site it will have 30 seats and a small conference room, parking for 18 cars in the front, 4 parking space on the side, and 6 parking spaces for employees in the back of the building. They are proposing 5,165 sf of wetlands impact toward the back. He explained they would be putting in 2 storm water basins and one rain guard for the parking area run off. The Board reviewed the plan with Tom. Jay said the only concern he has is the rain garden at the intersection of Quimby Road and Route 13. Hazardous fluids that may drain into this area would leach directly into the ground water. There would be no barrier to allow for cleanup. The Board agreed this should be removed or reworked to accommodate any kind of hazardous spill in the event of an accident or any type of hazardous spill in the parking area. Tom said they would look into it. Jay made a motion to allow Buddy to sign the wetlands permit application Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Evan said he spoke to a couple of land owners Frank Burbee and George Deneault so we will only need permission from the Town for the property that the loop is located on. He also looked into the liability issue. There is an RSA 215 C inherent danger insurance policy. **Evan** said once you strap on a helmet you are assuming responsibility. He is proposing this for town residents only they would become a member and pay a fee for a membership sticker and the fee's help with trail maintenance. This is at the request of the private land owners. This works well in Merrimack. **Jordan** asked how long this has been running in Merrimack. **Evan** said a few years now. His thought is if they keep it to Brookline residents only it impacts them every day instead of someone who would come in from out of town make a mess of the trails and leave at the end of the day and never give the Brookline trails another thought. **Jay** asked where people would buy these membership stickers from. **Evan** said the club it is easier to track and manage. **Jay** asked Evan where exactly he is looking for permission on the Town lot. **Evan** said from the old foundation toward the quarry and from the old foundation out to the power lines. There are a few mud holes located along this trail and they would build bridges. He use the bridge specs that the Snowmobile Club uses. The goal is to keep everyone away from Route 13 that's where people walk. **Evan** said the Melendy Pond area would be good single track trails. This is also located away from homes which is also a goal. **Brendan** said let's start with one area in town first. **Jordan** said they could try a one year trial period. **Drew** asked Evan how many people he thought would sign up to become members. Evan said maybe 30 to 50 people. **Tom** said his concern is that people are already riding where they are not allowed. They are riding on town property whether we give permission or not. **Evan** said once they find out there is a designated area to ride they will stay in that area and once the word gets out people will head to that area to ride instead of the trail that they are not allowed on. These trails will be heavily marked with signs. There will be more people out policing the activity so they don't lose the permission to use the trail. **Evan** said there will be a season that will be determined by Fish and Game that states when trails are open and closed. **Buddy** said he would like to know if they can only open it up to Brookline Residents only. He thinks if they open it up to the public it has to be open for everyone. This is something they should find out. **Jay** said if the private land owner say Brookline Residents only then there is nothing for the state to disapprove. The Board asked for a more detailed map. **Jordan** requested it include mileage. **Evan** agreed.

Trail Discussion

Hobart Fessenden Trail

Tom said the debris has been cleaned up from the Bridge building project.

Conneck Bridge

Buddy said they should ask to add the cost to fix this bridge to be added into the budget. They had received a quote from Amos White he will look for the paperwork.

Capital Improvements Plan

Brendan suggested that they add any project that may cost over \$10,000 to the Capital Improvement Plan for future planning.

Eagle Scout – update

Buddy said he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christian Santoski this past month.

River Rail Trail

Drew handed out a draft schedule to the Board for the River Rail Trail project. He will try to schedule a meeting with DES and see if they have any comments. He would like to contact the owner

of Sunoco and invite him to attend the next BCC meeting to see if the BCC could create a parking area where the trailers are located on his property now.

Town Beautification Fund

Jordan said they should look into how much money is in the fund and where that money can be spent.

Public Gardens

Jordan said they had a discussion in Non-public session about a community garden. This was during the June 9th 2015 non-public session.

Brendan made a motion to unseal the community Garden Discussion motion from non-public session dated June 9, 2015. Jordan Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

The motion made on June 9, 2015 was:

“Jordan made a motion to allow discussion about community gardening at the Cider Mill Pond Trail area (Lot H-126-1) per the Conservation Commission guidelines. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.”

Brendan said he will discuss with Keith Thompson.

Eversource

Buddy said Eversource had gone down the power lines and done some clean up. Tad had asked they not disturb the rail trail. **Buddy** said he and Tad had walked the trail last weekend and they have added a bridge and bulldozed some of the wetland areas. Tad is now involved in this issue now. They have also said they will be removing hazard trees they have sent out a letter asking permission to cut. While on the walk last weekend Buddy and Tad found 3 trees that may pose a hazard. Tad has negotiated with them and they will plant trees elsewhere in the spring if they are allowed to cut the hazard trees now.

Stickney Brook Beaver Box

Tom said this box will need to be fixed. **Buddy** said they can reset it in the spring.

Snow Shoe Hike

Tom would like to schedule a snow shoe hike sometime this winter.

Nashua River Water Shed Association

Buddy said they have the annual membership fee here in the mail to sign. He would like to see if they will schedule a hike in Brookline at some point. **Jordan** said she will call them.

Non-Public

Buddy made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: II (d) for the discussion of possible land acquisition and immediately adjourn the meeting. Jay seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Brendan, Tom, and Jordan all voted yes.

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

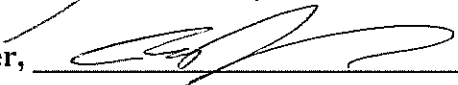
Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Rep., _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, 

Tom Rogers, Member, 

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on February 9, 2016.