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**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**7:00 pm**

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman (arrived at 8:25 pm)  
Tom Rogers, Member  
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative  
Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Jordan)  
Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

**Absent:** Jordan Bailey, Member.

**Minutes**

**Brendan made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of May 31, 2016 both public and non-public as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 3-0.**

**Christian Santoski, Final Update, Cider Mill Trail Head.**

**Christian** thanked the Board for the opportunity to do this project. It gives him great pride every time he drives by and sees someone using this area. The Board thanked him for a job well done. Christian gave the Board the stencils and the router bits he used to make the trail head sign. **Tom** said he would store them and hopefully make more signs to match the one at the Cider Mill Trail head.

**Mountain Bike Trails on Town Property**

**Buddy** said he was on the trails in the North end of Town last weekend and notice some mountain bike trails have been made in this area. He is disappointed no one has come into ask permission to create these trails. A lot of hard work has gone into these mountain bike trails. The Board agreed they would hold a meeting to discuss mountain bikes on town trails. **Tom** said he knows several mountain bike groups and will reach out to them. **Buddy** suggested the signs read "Due to the illicit construction of mountain bike trails on town property the BCC will discuss closing the trails to mountain bikes at the July 12, 2016 meeting." **Buddy** said this is the fifth trail they have found on town property and not one person has come into the meeting to discuss creating these trails on town property with the Commission.

**Trail/Sidewalk future projects – Tad Putney, input from Conservation Commission**

**Tad Putney (Town Administrator)** said in 2009 the Selectboard, the Planning Board, and the Conservation Commission came up with a sidewalk and trail connectivity plan. The Selectboard has recently chartered a committee of 7 members to update this plan due in October of 2016. The Selectboard was just informed that another grant round is available and a letter of intent is due the first week of July

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2016. **Tad** said he has a list of potential future sidewalks that he is looking for the Conservation Commission's input so they can finalize the letter of intent and have the Selectboard sign off on it during Monday night's meeting. The project has to be a minimum of \$400,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000 and will require a 20% match by the Town. **Tad** said the goal in the future would be to walk or bike from the Milford Oval to the north and south to the town of Hollis or Pepperell. He will be attending the Planning Board meeting also for their input. **Tad** ran through the list:

1. Mason Road sidewalk to Dupaw Gould Road. Cost \$504,000 plus bridge
2. South Main Street (From Route 130 to Railroad bed). Cost \$275,000 before bridge.
3. Sidewalk on Quimby Road from Route 13 to connect with rail trail north of Tevya gate.
4. Connect between Sunoco and Covered Bridge (maximize trail/minimize sidewalk)
5. Connect between trail at Bohanon Bridge and Potanipo Rail trail off Oak Hill Road(maximize trail/minimize sidewalk)
6. Extend sidewalk along Route 130 from Bohanon Bridge Road to Keczy Road.

**Tad** said he is waiting on pricing for pedestrian bridges for the first two options. Should have pricing by Monday before the meeting. The goal in the future would be to be able to walk or bike from the Milford Oval to the north and south to the town of Hollis or Pepperell. The Board agreed that the Mason Road project to Cleveland Hill Road with a new pedestrian bridge would be first priority depending on the cost of the pedestrian bridge. They could build the sidewalk to Cleveland Hill Road and not all the way down to Dupaw Gould Road.

#### **Eversource Gate Update**

**Buddy** said he has spoken with John Brown, subcontractor with Eversource, and he stated that if the Board would donate three trees they would put up the gate at no cost to the Town. The Board agreed to donate the trees request by Eversource. **Brendan** said he only concern is that this gate be reflective and flagged as this could be dangerous.

#### **Ordinance for Trail Abusers**

**Buddy** said he spoke with Fish and Game and they stated an Ordinance is a great idea but it will not hold up in court. **Drew** said they should not avoid an ordinance because it won't hold up in court. **Tom** said they are seeing some real signs of damage on the trails. The Board agreed that they would like to see the Town enact an ordinance. **Tom** said they should include the creation of new trails and damage to trails. **Drew made a motion that the Commission recommends to the Selectboard to allow the levying of fines to any user engaging in prohibited activities per RSA. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.** **Tad** said he would look into it.

#### **Trail Discussion**

##### **Connector Trail**

**Tom** said they have completed the connector trail from the Hobart Fessenden woods to the Tupelo Trail (Beaver Brook) in Hollis. He would like the new trail name is the Holl-Brook Trail.

##### **Sunoco Rail Trail**

**Drew** said the engineers have been out and flagged the trail. It starts near the storage trailers off Route 13 and ends at South Main Street. The flags represent the middle of the trail. They have also discovered a vernal pool that is located in this area it is about 10 feet off the new trail. They have suggested that the Board put up signs alerting the public.

### Dogs on Leashes

**Buddy** said there have been a lot of complaints lately about dogs being off the leash and away from their owner on town trails. They should make signs requesting that they be on a leash. When someone is walking and a dog comes at them they don't know if it is friendly or not.

### Adopt a trail

**Tom** said they should at some point look into or discuss again the adopt a trail program for the Town of Brookline.

### Milfoil

**Buddy** said they treated Melendy Pond for Milfoil on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He will see if he can get an update on the progress.

### Conneck Bridge

**Brendan** asked if there was an update on the Conneck Bridge repairs that are badly needed. **Buddy** said not at this time.

### Non-Public

**Brendan** 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. **Tom** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Brendan**, **Tom**, and **Drew** all voted yes.

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

### Plans

#### Visnaskas, Kevin 2 Lot Subdivision Plan Lot F-36

**Brendan** explained that Kevin Visnaskas is looking to subdivide his lot into two lots. The Planning board is looking for any comments from the Conservation Commission. The Commission agreed that they will be creating a smaller lot that already has two houses on it.

#### Lot J-24-31, Buffer Relocation

**Brendan** said he had watched the Zoning Board meeting and they suggested that Mr. Chandler move the buffer to the other side of the lot line. This 50 foot buffer would now be located on lot G-51 and G-51-4. All three lots are owned by the same people and are all in agreement. This will now need to go to the Planning Board for approval and they are looking for comments from the Conservation Commission. The Board agreed they had no issues with this relocation of the 50 foot subdivision buffer.

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

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

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**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.**

**Next meeting will be held on August 9, 2016.**