



**Town of  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

***Conservation Commission***

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**Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 09, 2016**

**Conservation Commission**

**7:00 pm**

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Tom Rogers, Member  
Jordan Bailey, Member  
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative  
Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Jay)

**Absent:** Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

**Buddy** asked Drew to vote for Jay. **Drew** agreed.

**Minutes**

**Brendan** made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of the July 12, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting as amended. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Brendan** made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting as amended. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Cider Mill Pond**

In attendance for this discussion Helen Ballou (Pepperell Road).

**Buddy** said they had discussed this at the last meeting and read Helen's email which listed her concerns. **Helen** asked if they could put a log or telephone pole at that end of the parking lot so they can't drive down to the entrance of the trail head. The Board agreed that wouldn't be a good idea for the winter and snow plowing. The Board discussed adding a sign to let people know outside the designated parking area is prohibited. **Drew** said if we inform the Police Chief he believes it is a ticketable offence. It may also be worth a curtesy call to the person who is offending just to let them know. **Drew** made a motion to post the Cider Mill parking area to prohibit parking outside the designated parking area. **Brendan** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

**Helen** said the field looks good now that it has been mowed. **Tom** agreed it does look much nicer.

**Ghost Train Rail Trail Race.**

**Buddy** said they will have a monthly Ghost Train Race discussion from now until November. **Jordan** said last year they allowed 300 people into the race and only about 250 people showed up. There was discussion on whether they could have more people race. They are considering opening it up to more than 300 people. They would handle 300 so she suggested opening it up to about 350 people. Parking last year was limited due to the construction of the new house in this area. **Brendan** said they will need

to work on the communication with the people parking vehicles whether it's just swapping cell phone numbers with the rest of the volunteers. That way people can communicate better. Also, move the race start down by the dining hall the runners will be able to hear the announcer. Last year the traffic on Mason Road was so loud it drowned out the announcer. The Board agreed to allow them to sign up 350 people.

### **Mowing Schedule**

**Buddy** said Cider Mill Pond has been mowed this year. **Jordan** asked what they process is and who mows for us. **Buddy** said Darrell Pelletier mows for us. **Drew** said the later in the season is better for the wildlife to mow. There is also funding available if you can hold off until later in the season. **Jordan** said in the future they should do a little more maintaining.

### **NRPC Map Update**

**Jordan** said they had met with NRPC to update the maps but they haven't heard anything back from them yet. She would like to reach out to them and request an updated trail map. **Jordan** said the gentleman that had given us copies of the trail map

### **Adopt a Trail Program**

**Tom** said they have discussed this before and he believes that they should do this. Similar to the Beaver Brook Association. **Drew** said they have maintainers and monitors the monitor will tell you what needs to be done. He believes that are required to walk the trail quarterly. They are not allowed to carry chainsaws out on the trails with them. **Tom** asked if Beaver brook gives out t-shirt s or a hat for that. **Drew** said they do an appreciation lunch. **Tom** said out on the seacoast they have hats that that they are a trail volunteer. **Tom** said they should also post signs at all the kiosks stating if they see a limb or stick on the trail to just move it to the side. **Marc Paquin** (Brookline Mountain Bike Club) said they are out there clearing trails. He believes a sign would be a good idea. **Tom** said he would like to get the school kids more involved also. Now that schools are about to be open again now it the time to get them involved.

### **Trail Discussion**

#### **Snowmobile Club**

**Tom** said he hasn't heard from the snowmobile club. The bridge on Hobart Fessenden and Sargent Road need to be fixed. **Buddy** said Jay is our liaison with the Club we could have him speak to them. **Tom** said he will email them. **Drew** suggested that Kevin Majeski (Brookline IceBreakers) come to the next meeting. **Buddy** said they also have a new application for the crossing at the north end of town by the Bartell Trail Head and they should come into discuss that with the Commission as well.

#### **Mountain Bike Club**

**Tom** said he walked with the newly formed Brookline Mountain Bike Club at the north end of town at the Mountain Bike Trails that were created without permission. The first work date will be 9/10/2016. **Tom** said the first work date scheduled is for 9/10/2016. Marc has a punch list of what needs to be done. **Buddy** said the Cliff trail is heavily eroded and should be rerouted. Some of those trails are dangerous he assumes they are closed for the time being. **Marc** said yes.

#### **Trail behind Sunoco**

**Brendan** said he went down to the newly flagged trail. He said it is very a very clear trail they did have to move some limbs off the trail. When you come to the tail there is a vantage point that looks about 20 feet down that is not marked. **Drew** said they have discussed it is just not flagged as such.

**Brendan** said there is a lot of junk car parts etc. at the South Main Street end that at some point will need to be removed. **Drew** said he was hoping to get some historical commission because this site is probably worthy of history story board of sorts. They did evaluate that with the landscape Board to see if they can incorporate that in the trail. But given that shoulder they will have an access point off South Main Street to access that. It could be done as a phase two of this trail.

### Tap Grant

**Buddy** said there is a letter of Support for the TAP Grant that Tad has asked the Commission to sign for the Grant application. **Buddy** read the letter"

*The Conservation Commission supports Brookline's 2016 application for TAP funding to further extend our sidewalk network consistent with the Town's 2009 Sidewalk and Trail Connection Plan. Over the past 14 years, the Conservation Commission has purchased over 1,000 acres of land in Brookline. With these land purchases we have been able to develop miles of hiking trails and continue to convert an old rail bed into a rail trail. These resources, however, have been underutilized to this point and is a key reason for our support of the 2009 Sidewalk and Trail Connection Plan. The Plan identified priorities to significantly improve connectivity, accessibility and therefore use of our trail system.*

*This application will allow the Town to achieve the final phase of the 2009 Plan and connect our sidewalk network to a discontinued rail bed that was turned into a rail trail in 2014.*

*The Conservation Commission is fully aware of the proposed location of new sidewalk and pedestrian bridge and believes they will not have any adverse impact from a conservation standpoint.*

*We look forward to working to bring the opportunities laid out in the Sidewalk and Trail Connection Plan to fruition. Approval of Brookline's TAP application would be a critical final step in that direction."*

**Drew** made a motion to allow Chairman Francis "Buddy" Dougherty to sign the letter of support for the TAP grant. **Jordan** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

### Milfoil

**Buddy** said Aqualogics was in Town yesterday and pulled 80 gallons of milfoil from Lake Potanipo and they will return to do the rest. They didn't finish the residential part of the lake yet they will be back on Friday. They did say the lake was in really good shape this year. The photos will be added to the Facebook page. They have also treated Melendy Pond this year but they haven't heard back from the chemical company or Amy Smagula (DES) to see how successful the treatment was.

### Eagle Scout Project

**Tom** said Justin Hawkins, our Eagle Scout that will be building the tent platforms on Camp Flannery, has emailed him and asked if they can meet on August 27, 2016 for a site walk of the property. The Board agreed the date was ok. **Tom** said he would email Justin and let him know they will meet with him.

### Trail & Sidewalk Program Planning

**Jordan** said they have held a meeting and in September things will start moving along.

### Summer trail maintenance using OHRV'S

**Tom** said they discussed having the IceBreakers speak to with the Commission when it came time to do any trail maintenance or grooming on town property. **Brendan** asked if you should generate a letter

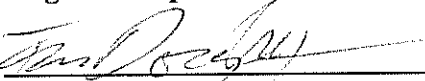
requesting this. **Jordan** suggested that they get ahold of the Board the day before they go out to do any work on town trails. **Buddy** said they don't really want to encourage this once there tracks are made others will follow. **Brendan** said he doesn't want to shut down volunteerism by making it so hard for people to do the maintenance. **Tom** said they are trying to keep track of the OHRV's. When someone calls and says they have seen an ATV out on the trails if we know they are doing maintenance on a trail or is someone that shouldn't be out there. We just need to be notified. **Jordan** said she doesn't want it over run but doesn't mind an OHRV on the trails for maintenance. **Tom** said the Icebreakers just received two new ATV's for trail maintenance but they should discuss this when Kevin Majeski (Brookline IceBreakers) attends the meeting.

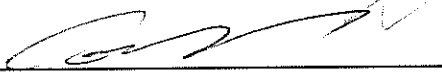
### Non-Public

**Drew 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, Brendan, Jordan, Tom, and Drew all voted yes.**

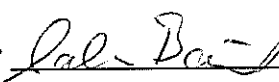
**Drew made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Brendan seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Brendan, Jordan, Tom, and Drew all voted yes.**

**Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

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

**Tom Rogers, Member,**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative**  \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Drew Kellner, Alternate (Voting for Jay),**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.  
Next meeting will be held on September 13, 2016.**