



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Conservation Commission

7:00 pm

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative (left at 7:30 and returned at 8:10pm)
Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Jordan)

Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

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

Public Hearing

Buddy opened the public hearing by reading the hearing notice "Pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 36-A:5, the Brookline Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 13, 2016 at or about 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room. This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) plus any associated closing costs for the acquisition of 21 or more acres from Lot H-66. This lot is located off Corey Hill Road."

Jay said this will be a partial lot purchase. They will need to go to the Planning Board for a lot line adjustment and add the 21 or so acres purchased to lot H-135 which is already owned by the town. This land will get us closer to the stone hut. There are a couple of brooks that run through this property and it is very close to the Stone House. The purchase price is \$100,000 plus any expenses incurred during the purchase. Meridian Land Services will present this to the Planning Board at an upcoming meeting if the motion is passed tonight. **Brain Fessenden** (Resident) asked if the Board had an appraisal done for this property. **Jay** said they have not done an appraisal and explained they had looked at other properties the Board had bought in the area. The homeowner had purchased this property for \$230,000. This lot doesn't have a lot of building potential and not a lot of frontage. With no further comments or discussion **Buddy** closed the public hearing. **Jay made a motion to release \$100,000 plus any associated closing costs from the land acquisition fund to purchase the newly added 21 acres from H-66 to lot H-135. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Eagle Scout Project Tyler St. Pierre

Tyler said he would like to build a sign similar to the Cider Mill Pond Trail Head sign. This sign will be for the Scabbard Mill Pond Trail in Brookline (off Route 13 across from Melendy Pond area). He would like to have this project completed by the summer of 2017. He said he plans on raising money by holding a Christmas tree pickup fundraiser. He asked if the town would be able to provide the telephone poles for this project. **Buddy** said at the time the telephone company was removing and replacing a lot of poles in this area it was easy to get one. They told Tyler to call Eversource to see if they are replacing any poles in the area and if they could have a couple old ones. **Brendan** said you told Tyler that he may want to reach out to Tad Putney (Town Administrator) and see if he could help him obtain poles. **Tyler** asked if they wanted the sign the same size as the one at Cider Mill Pond. The Board agreed to keeping the same size they will all be consistence. **Brendan** said there are telephone lines on that side of the road so you may need to be a different height. The Board agreed. **Buddy** said Tom has all the router tools for the wording on the sign. **Don St. Pierre** asked about having a professional set the pole because it is so close to the road. **Tom** said he believes Skilling and Sons set the pole at Cider Mill. **Tyler** said he will need to have the approval of the Eagle Scout Board then he can move forward.

NRSP 2016: K-23-3, Self-Storage Development, 63 Route 13, Fieldstone Land Consulting.

In attendance: Nathan Chambers from Fieldstone Consulting Services, John Gulla, applicant.

Nathan said he was here tonight to discuss an existing lot K-23-3. This lot consists of 2.3 acers located in the aquifer protection zone which will require I put from the Consecration Commission. **Nathan** explained the drainage on the plan and pointed out the swales and the where the basin will be located on this lot. There will be a chain link fence around the property which will allow people who have units to access them with a security code. There will be no bathrooms at this location. All security lighting will be downcast lighting. This will all be paved. **Jay** asked if there would be any outdoor storage of boats or cars. **Nathan** said no. **Buddy** asked about plowing in the winter and the use of salt. **Nathan** showed on the map where the snow will be plowed to. **Buddy** said there are some shallow wells in this area he is concerned about the use of salt in the winter. **John** stated these buildings will be metal building and the salt will corrode them. He will not be treating the area with salt. The Board agreed the only concern would be the use of salt in the aquifer protection district. They will send as letter stating the concerns to the Planning Board.

Ghost train Rail Trail Race.

Buddy said they have 350 people signed up for the ultra-race and over 100 signed up for the 15 miler race. They will start the fifteen miler in Milford at the DPW and the ultra race will start in Brookline at Camp Tevya. This will take place on October 22nd and 23rd this year. **Tom** said he met with the Brookline Mountain Bike Club to see if he can find any volunteers to help out that weekend. He told them to contact Jordan.

Milfoil

Buddy said the grant application for the milfoil grant for 2017 needs to be filled out this month. We don't know what kind of treatment we will need for next year. We don't even have the results from this year. **Jay** said they may have to treat next year. **Jay** suggested they put in for \$20,000 as they did last year. **Buddy** said he put the video online of the diver's hand pulling milfoil. There is a bill in the mail for the last treatment date. The Board agreed not to release the check until they send the efficiency of treatment report, remove the signs, also well testing and lake testing for herbicide follow up.

- F. Place wood chips on all disturbed areas on sides of trails to reduce erosion.
- G. Place several inches of crushed gravel on length of trail. Approx 700 cubic yards.
- H. Roll and compact total length of trail.
- I. Build road from Ball Hill Rd to powerline for equipment and material access.

Duration: Approx one week. Price: \$18,450.00

The Board agreed to finish this discussion after the Non-Public session.

2017 Budget

The Board discussed the 2017 budget and agreed upon the following:

Maint. of Conservation Land \$3,000
Conferences \$170
Memberships \$733
Postage & Public Information \$220
Outside consulting \$300
Water Sampling \$2,000
Invasive Species Control – Lake Host \$2,200
Taylor Dam Yearly Fee \$400
Milfoil Treatment \$20,000

The Board agreed to discuss with the Selectboard about adding the Milfoil treatment into the general budget every year instead of a warrant article at town meeting. This expense is a yearly cost it will not go away.

Taylor Dam

Buddy said Matt Sawyer had contacted him and said he would need help reconstructing the beaver box. **Buddy** said it would be great for members of tis Board who haven't been out in this area. The Board agree two weeks from now which will be October 2nd. They will meet at High View.

Trail Use Guide

Jay read the trail use guide:

No motorized vehicles are permitted on any Town Conservation Land.

This means NO ATV'S, OHRV's, or Dirt Bikes!

NO Camping & NO fires are allowed.

No Littering.

Pick up after your dogs!!!

Dogs must be on a leash or

Under the owner's control at all times!

Please Keep Aggressive Dogs at Home.

The Board agreed this should be posted at all kiosks and trails heads.

Lake Host

Buddy said the Lake Host Program in town has ended about two weeks ago. The Conservation Commission only found this out when looking for the time sheets to send to the NH Lakes Association. He would like this to be taken over by the Recreation Commission. Someone who is at the Grove during the summer would be able to keep an eye on the Lake Host program better than we could and maybe some of the life guards would be interested becoming a Lake Host for more hours. **Drew** said asked if they could have NH Lakes come to Brookline if the Life Guards are interested in being Lake Hosts also.

Trail Discussion

Ravine Trail (North End of town)

Tom said there is a new bridge on the Ravine trail (off the Cliff Trail) located at the Bartell Trail area. This is a 12' x 3' bridge installed to help in crossing the seasonal stream. While out there they also reinforced the bridge that Ryan build in that location. The old 6 foot wooden bridge was removed and they added a large piece of granite to use as a bridge in its place. **Buddy** said the only constructive criticism was that we looked at what needed to be done but the Board didn't get to choose what project was to be done first. In some place they moved dirt when they should have used hard packed soil. Once we get rain what has been done will be washed away. **Tom** said Matt Carron was basically showing them how to do this. He believes this fix will last. They stayed away from the other side because that trail may not be on town property.

Drew suggested that they may want to start up a trail committee. **Roy Wallen** (resident) said he would volunteer to be a part of that. **Roy** is a member of the Sidewalk and Trail Planning Group. **Drew** said they could put a group together with a member of the BCC, the Mountain Bike Club, hiker's community, etc. so they have input from all different types of trail users.

Tom said going forward he would like other people involved in the trail maintenance decisions

RTP Grant

Buddy said they have received news from DRED that they are looking for the Conservation Commission acceptance of the grant to move forward. **Brendan made a motion to accept the \$12,220.00 grant. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Bartell Trail Entrance - large hanging branch

Buddy said Ron Marchant owner of Souhegan Valley Tree Services was out at the entrance of the Bartell Trail and removed that large hanging branch at no charge. We greatly appreciate the hard works and we will need to send a thank you card and also post this on Facebook. **Drew** said that was extremely generous and he is a great person to work with.

Moose Plate Grant - Upper Bartell Trail

Buddy said they have started putting together a grant. He asked Bentley Management Group (Amos White) for prices. The maintenance cost associated with this project are as follows:

Scope: BMG will

- A. Brush back existing trail and remove trees as marked by owner.
- B. Install 4 15 inch CPP culverts in areas indicated during site walk
- C. Build headwalls for culverts using existing granite rock to maintain natural look of site.
- D. Remove major boulders and rocks from trail and place them along sides of trail as stonewalls.
- E. Grade trail and add water bars as needed to reduce erosion.

Non-Public

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

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

Moose Plate Grant for the upper Bartell property

Buddy said they will be filling out the grant for the Moose Plate Grant for the work need at the upper Bartell Trail Head. He read the scope of work that will be needed:

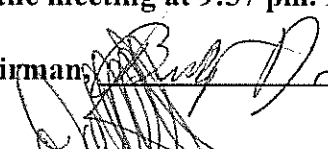
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Jay made a motion to submit a grant application for the Moose Plate Grant in the amount of \$18,450. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, 

Tom Rogers, Member, 

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative 

Drew Kellner, Alternate (Voting for Jordan), 

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on October 11, 2016.

