



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Conservation Commission
7:00 pm**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative
Jordan Bailey, Member
Tom Rogers, Member (tom left at 7:55pm)
Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Tom after 7:55pm)

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Water Sampling

Jay said they tested the water in both Lake Potanipo and Melendy Pond and all the test results were great. So much better than what he expected. They still have a bacterial issue where Lancy Brook comes out into the Lake. They will have to do some further testing.

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting, the public and non-public minutes of August 9, 2016 meeting, and the non-public minutes of July 26, 2016 meeting all as amended. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brookline IceBreakers

In attendance for this discussion Kevin Majeski and Jon Lavioe both from the Brookline IceBreakers.

Buddy said they thought they should take the opportunity to discuss trails and such before the winter starts. **Buddy** said there are a few hanging limbs off the scenic trail behind the dump. **Tom** asked if they groom out by Sargent Road. **Kevin** said they don't really go out that way. **Tom** said the bridge out there is in bad shape they should at least mark it if they can't get it removed this year. **Kevin** said snowmobile wouldn't go that way. Would you be opposed to a culvert in this area. **Jordan** said she didn't think it

was deep enough for a culvert. **Buddy** said they also received a letter about the new Route 13 Crossing. This will be located further north by the Bartell Trail Head. **Buddy** said they have been battling Japanese knot weed in that area and there is a large tarp in that area that he hopes will not get damaged if the crossing is located there. **Jon** said that will not happen this year the lot line on the tax map were incorrect and what they thought was all on town property is on private land and they will need to get landowner permission. This will be held off for a bit. **Kevin** said nothing is being funded this year anyways. **Jon** said if everything goes smoothly this is something that will happen next year. **Jon** said the Clubs goal is to get out and check all of the trail by the end of the month to make sure everything is clear. He asked if anyone does work on trail if they could let him know he can mark off that trail. He can email a copy of the map to the Board members. He said they will be using ATV's. If an ATV goes out onto the trails they must have chainsaw and clippers with them. He would like to keep an open line of communication with the Commission. **Tom** said on Hobart Fessenden Trail there is an area where the dirt bikes have done some damage and the water is pooling. **Buddy** said Palmer Bartell trails have been checked and cleared. **Tom** said there will need to be communication when it comes to opening and closing of trails on Town Property. **Jon** said you can't stop everyone from going onto the trails. **Jay** agreed but he said if you put it out on social media that a trail is open or closed you should get the towns input when it comes to town property. **Jay** said they are just asking for open line of communication. **Drew** said they will also be in possession of Lot H-102 behind the Sunoco station. He is going to ask about it being open to snowmobiles. He noticed that it is listed as a parking area on the Snowmobile map. **Kevin** said they don't use it a lot for parking but it is used to get gas. **Jordan** said the National Park Service will not have an issue with the snowmobiles using the area to access the gas station. **Drew** said he didn't see a problem with it. **Jon** said if you need a letter of support for anything just let him know or email him the information.

PB Case 2016-4: H-66, H-145 Lot line adjustment Hang / Town of Brookline Lot line adjustment

Buddy said this is the Lot Line adjustment agreement between the Town and Ken Hang to purchase about 21 acres and add it to Lot H-145 owned by Brookline. The Board agreed that there are no issues with this plan.

Ghost Train Rail Trail Race

Jordan said there is not a lot to report the Ultra is full. The entry fee for the race is nonrefundable and they have had a few people cancel so someone else can sign up. **Jon** said the Club could help out with this event. **Jordan** said there is a volunteer signup sheet one line. **Jordan** said the ultra-race will start in Brookline and the 15 miler will start in Milford. This will be how the race starts every year. **Jordan** said people have asked about stove fires. **Buddy** said no open pit fires but a camp stove to cook on he doesn't think will be a problem. **Jordan** said this will also be Steve Latour's last year as the race director. **Buddy** said the Church is not going to do the Friday night dinner. **Jordan** said maybe next year they could do a pizza dinner or something. **Drew** said it is a great fund raiser maybe they should discuss it with the Lions Club or another club or

group. **Marc Paquin** (Brookline Mountain Bike Club) said the High School kids are always looking for a way to raise money.

Tom left the meeting at 7:55pm. **Buddy** asked Drew to vote for Tom. **Drew** agreed.

Trail Discussion

Talbot Taylor Dam

Buddy said himself Tom, Brendan, and Drew met at the Talbot Taylor Dam. The beaver box was slightly off due to the lack of water. He said the beaver have been building and damming up the inlet. **Drew** they will at some point need to make a long term management plan for things like this. **Jordan** asked where to go to access this area. **Drew** said they met at High View Drive.

Bartell Parking Lot

Drew said they had met at the Bartell Parking area to discuss the placement of the sign for the Eagle Scout presented by Tyler St. Pierre. **Brendan** said there was mention of a town beautification fund that had about \$1,700 in it that could be used at the Conservation Commissions discretion. Maybe they could use that to spruce up this area. **Buddy** said he would like to add gravel to the parking lot to fix it **Jay made a motion to expend up to \$500 on gravel at the Bartell Parking Lot. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Trail Signs

Buddy asked the Icebreakers Snowmobile Club if they were going to add more signage to the trails this year. **Kevin Majeski** said they will be yes they would like to update or renumber the junction signs this year. **Drew** said NRPC will allow them to use the Trimble unit to GPS the trails when the leaves are gone. This will help to get the map updated and the signs.

Sunoco Trail

The Board agreed that the trail behind the Sunoco Station on Route 13 will be called the. Nissitissit River Park. The parking will be off Route 13. **Drew made a motion to officially call the trail behind 75 Route 13 (Sunoco Station) the Nissitissit River Park". Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Milfoil

Buddy said Amy Smagula had emailed the Board about Milfoil that should be removed diver bids that are needed by 10/15/2016.

Budget Hearing

Buddy said the Selectboard Budget hearing will be held on Monday October 24, 2016. **Brendan** said due to the increase of \$20,000 for the milfoil line item someone will need to attend this hearing to explain the increase. **Jay** said he will attend the Selectboard meeting to discuss the 2017 budget.

Town Report for 2017

Brendan said the Conservation Commission will be 50 years old in 2017 and the Town Administrator had suggested that this be the cover of the next town report.

Melendy Pond Leases

Brendan said they should be thinking of how they want to deal with the Melendy Pond area as the leases will be ending between now and 2030. People are starting to walk away from their buildings.

Sidewalk and Trails Committee

Jordan said has a new draft plan is being put together and they will review it at the next meeting.

DES Letter for Lot B-65-8 and B-65-9

Jay said there is a letter from DES that states there was a complaint about someone dredging a wetland and the neighbor is filling a wetland. These lots are located on Route 13. The letters are addressed to the land owners and it states they have 20 days to respond to DES.

Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month again.

The Board agreed that they will hold meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month in October and November. If they need to continue they will discuss at a future meeting.

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

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

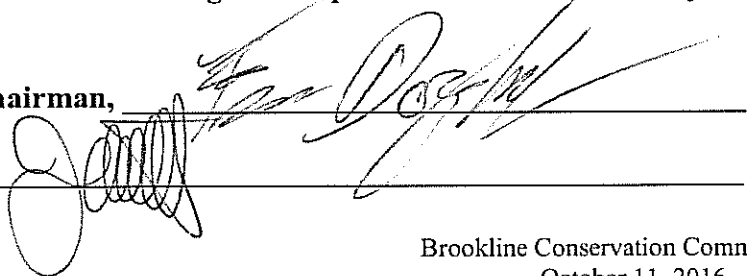
Jerry Farwell, 17 lake Potanipo, discuss ZBA Application for garage addition in wetlands setback

Drew said he had reviewed the plan and in his opinion he sees no issues with the placement of the attached garage in the wetland setback. The addition of the garage doesn't further encroach the setback. The existing house is further into the setback than the new garage will be **Jordan** said she would prefer if Jerry was here to discuss this. The Board agreed.

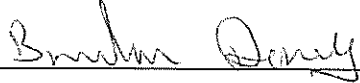
Brendan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. **Drew** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

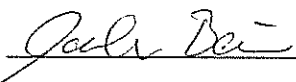
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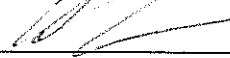
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Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2016.

