



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Conservation Commission

7:00 pm

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

Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

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

Mail

Eagle Scout Project – Bennett Deccoteau

Bennett said he is with Troop 260 in Brookline and he would like to know if he could do an eagle Scout Project for the Conservation Commission. If possible he would like to build a bridge. **Buddy** said the bridge on the Palmer Preserve by the Boy Scout cabin is in need of rebuilding it is about 20 feet long. **Tom** also suggested the bridge location on the Sargent Road Trail that will need to be removed and a bridge built in that spot. This bridge will need to be about 40 to 50 feet long. **Tom** said they have bridge specs he will forward to **Bennett**. **Bennet** thanked the Board and said he would decide which project he will be working on and let them know. He will be fund raising for this project over the winter months. **Tom** said he and **Bennett** can get together to do a site walk at the project location to discuss plans.

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Tom made a motion to accept the November 22, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting minutes both public and non-public as written. **Drew** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Trail Discussion

Lot H-49, Kecy Road

Jay said the new owners of the Amidon's house (16 Kecy Road) have posted their property with no trespassing signs. They have also inadvertently posted the lot the Town purchased off the Amidon's. **Jay** said he will speak to them and just explain that the signs on town property will need to be removed.

Trail Signs from Ryan Pauer

Tom said he received a call from Ryan Pauer and he stated he had left over trail signs if the Board was interested in using them. **Tom** said he met with Ryan and his Father Eric at their home on Westview Road. He said Ryan and his father have created a trail system on their lot. All these trails are labeled with signs and they have built a really nice kiosk explaining the trail system and what can be found out on these trails. **Tom** showed the Board picture of the trails and the kiosk. **Tom** said the Board is always looking for help with the trails and maybe Ryan and his father would like to help with a project sometime.

Jon Lavoie – Brookline IceBreakers – Bike Ride Event in January 2017

Jon said this event will be a joint venture with the Hollis Northeasters and the Brookline IceBreakers. This will be a mountain bike and those fat tire bike event. They will start at Silver Lake in Hollis NH and end at Silver Lake. They will bike from Silver Lake to the Railroad Bed in Brookline up to the Melendy Trails and back to Silver Lake in Hollis. Some of this will take place on private land owner trails so they are working on owner permission before this event takes place. **Tom** said the Commission was concerned with the insurance coverage for this run and they just wanted to make sure they check into that. **Jon** said he will check into the insurance. This will not be a paid event all they ask is that they sign up for one of the snowmobile clubs. **Jon** said he thought if they are all members of a snowmobile club would that would cover them through the insurance. **Buddy** said he would double check that just to make sure. **Jon** said they are also working with NEMBA so he will ask them about insurance also.

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

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

Land Purchase Lot K-33 and K-34

Jay said the Conservation Commission would like to announce that they are in agreement to purchase Lot K-33 located at Oak Hill Road and Bohanon Bridge and Lot K-34 located on Route 130 across the street from Kecy Road a total of 78 acres for 1.1 million dollars. **Drew** said this is in partnership with Nissitissit River Land Trust and Piscataquog Land Conservancy out of New Boston NH. Between both lots there is over a mile of river frontage. **Jay** said these two lots have been a target for them for years now. They are very excited to share this news with everyone and they will be holding a few informational meetings and maybe a few winter walks in the near future. This is one of the most important projects they have been working on. This is the largest

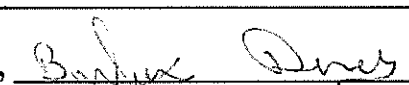
watershed in the town of Brookline. They will be getting the word out through social media, the cable channels, and informational meetings. **Jay** said they will be looking for private and public donations, grants, and a bond request at the 2017 town meeting. There will be more information to come. **Drew** said they would like to thank Daryl Pelletier for mowing the fields and Justin Adams for the photography and the drone video. **Brendan** said it is also important to include the two long term Brookline Families that were willing to sell to the Conservation Commission.

Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman,  _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman _____

Tom Rogers, Member,  _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative,  _____

Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Jay)  _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on December 27, 2016.

