



Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Conservation Commission

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Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Conservation Commission
7:00pm

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative
Tom Rogers, Member
Jordan Bailey, Member
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Absent: Drew Kellner, Alternate

Public Hearing

Buddy read the public hearing notice:

Pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 36-A:5, the Brookline Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 09, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room. This hearing will consider the use of Land Acquisition Funds in the amount of Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$73,949) for the 2018 Bond Payments due for the acquisition of lots K-33 and K-34.

Brendan said at town meeting there will be a warrant article presented to accept this money. One of the Members should ask if they will need to hold a public hearing every year. **Brendan made a motion to close the public hearing. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Wild and Scenic

Jordan said they have received internal approval of the warrant article wording for town meeting. Tomorrow she will start a Facebook information push out to the public.

Warrant Article:

To see if the town will accept the locally-developed River Stewardship Plan drafted by the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee and its recommendation that the portion of the Nissitissit River flowing through Brookline be designated a wild and scenic river with the understanding it would not involve Federal acquisition or management of lands.

Winter Festival

The winter festival will be held on the weekend of February 16th through February 18th the BCC will hold a hike scheduled for Sunday 10 am to noon at the Sunoco Station. Drew will bring snow shoes for people to use again this year if needed.

Ghost Train

Jordan said the sign up for Ghost Train sold out in 7 days. They have 400 entries. They have increased the sign up price a little this year and they upped the total amount of runner that could sign up by 50. **Buddy** suggested they had also discussed auctioning off ten spots to the highest bidder. **Tom** also suggested they offer premium parking if people would like they could pay a fee to park close. **Tom** said Patrick Caron has already signed up and announced that he will try to break last year's record. **Jordan** said she thought he was a sponsored runner now. **Brendan** suggested that they find the best spots that photographers could get photos of the runners. **Tom** said they should start to purchase the list of items needed for the race in the spring. **Jordan** said they will still need storage. **Brendan** suggested the Camp Flannery building. **Buddy** said he thought that was kind of secluded. **Tom** also suggested they mention to the scouts that if they grabbed some wagons and offer to haul people's bags and stuff for a small fee they could raise a bit of extra money.

Cotton Tail Training

Jordan said they will be holding Cotton tail training at the Hollis Brookline High School on February 3rd.

Trail Discussion

Tom said they had walked with Matt Caron (Southern New Hampshire Mountain bike Club) and James Gibson whom is a teacher that lives in town and they are interested in volunteering to make a single track trail for kids. They have volunteered to put one parallel to one of the existing walking trails. **Tom** suggested the Hobart Fessenden Woods area.

Tom also suggested they reroute the Sargent Road trail and just cut up and throw away the bridge that is in bad shape.

Eagle Scout Project

Tom said he will be coordinating with Tim Sulin he is 16 looking for an Eagle Scout Project. The Board suggested kiosks that are needed for the new property Lots K-33 and K-34. Pit Toilet for the Flannery Property. The shed on the Martins lot K-34 needs work. **Jordan** said she had a lengthy list of projects that she came up with for one of the Girl Scouts she will dig up that email and send it to everyone. The Board agreed they should have a list ready for any of the Eagle Scouts that may be interested in doing a project.

Hike

Tom said he is planning a guided hike and some tracking. There will be a full moon coming up on the 31st he would like to hold it then.

Melendy Pond Study Committee

Eric said the Committee has handed in their final report to the Selectboard. The Conservation Commission concerns have been met in this report. Eric said the options were:

1. The Town should not pursue option 4-7, which involve the selling of town land.
2. Melendy Pond is an underutilized Town amenity and that there are opportunities to better develop active recreation amenities for town residents.
3. The Selectboard should propose a warrant article that would extend some leases. If so, any future warrant articles regarding lease extensions should include language that leases be renewed at market rates and would comply to best extent with NH DES Subsurface requirements.
4. The Town should respect the direction of previous Town votes and let the leases expire and the Selectboard and the Finance Committee should plan for future funding mechanism.
5. As leases expire, a three phase committee should be formed in 2020, 2025, and 2030 that would focus on site planning and land use visioning. The charter of the proposed committees should be crafted specifically to focus on developing appropriate active recreation amenities that fit within a long term comprehensive plan.
6. The Selectboard should budget as needed for ongoing demolition purposes and future site planning.
7. If leases are extended, a committee should be formed that would focus on site planning and land use visioning. The charter of the proposed committees should be crafted specifically to focus on developing appropriate active recreation amenities that fit within a long term comprehensive plan.

Brendan said the Selectboard felt the Committee has done a great job on this report they have talked out 7 options. The Selectboard may not put a warrant article forward for the 2018 meeting.

Jay made a motion to keep Eric in the Melendy Pond Study Committee. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Oak Hill Road Trail

Buddy said they will need to look into creating the Oak Hill Road Trail. They have the funds to do this project. Tom said he would speak to the owner of that land that the old trail goes through.

Hood Road Parking

Brendan said he asked the Selectboard about using the newly abandoned Hood Road entrances/exit for Barking for the Bartell Trail head parking. They will need to do more research.

Dredging out old fire pond at 7 Main Street

Brendan said Charlie Cory came into the Selectboard to let them know he will be cleaning out and old fire pond that is on his property. DES has told him that because it is an old existing fire pond he will not need a permit to dredge out. There is an email in our mail file that explains what he will be doing and the explanation from DES that

states he doesn't need a permit to do so. He will just be recreating the fire pond that was already in existence.

Easement Project Sunoco

Jay said they will need to have this area surveyed and the legal work done before they can put the easement in place. **Jay made a motion to authorize the Conservation Commission to have the survey work and the legal work done for the easement at the Sunoco station not to exceed \$1,500 from the Land Acquisition Fund. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the November 14, 2017 public minutes. Jerry Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the November 14, 2017 non-public minutes. Jay Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the December 26, 2017 public minutes. Jordan Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 public minutes. Jay Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the November 28, 2017 public minutes. Jay Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the November 28, 2017 non-public minutes. Jay Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Adjourn

Brendan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2018.