



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Conservation Commission
7:00pm**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative
Jordan Bailey, Member, Jordan left at (7:50pm)
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate (Vote for Jordan @7:50)
Drew Kellner, Alternate (voting for Tom Rogers)

Absent: Tom Rogers, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Buddy asked Drew to vote for Tom. Drew agreed.

Appointment/reappointment of Members and Alternates

Brendan made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that Francis "Buddy" Dougherty be reappointed as a full member of the Conservation Commission a three year term expiring in March 31, 2021. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0. Buddy abstained.

Brendan made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that Drew Kellner be reappointed as an Alternate of the Conservation Commission a three year term expiring in March 31, 2021. Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Oak Hill Road Trail

Jordan said she has contacted the two landowners but doesn't think it will move forward until the snow melts.

Wild and Scenic

Jordan said this has passed in both Hollis and Brookline. Hollis and Brookline are now both designated as part of the Wild and Scenic Designation.

Nissitissit River Canoe Trip

The Board agreed on a couple of dates for the canoe trip down the Nissitissit River, April 29th or May 6th. **Buddy** said he will find out from Gwen Whitback from Nashoba Paddlers what date is better for them. He would like everyone to gather around 8:00 am and in the water by 9:15 am.

Ghost Train Spring Meeting

Jordan suggested they meet in May or June. **Drew** suggested they meet on a weekend. **Jordan** said she would like to discuss the budget and look into the sign up for this event.

Hidden treasures Hike

Jordan said this is a part of freedoms way. The entire month of May they hope to have all communities host an event. Jordan has scheduled a hike host by the Brookline Conservation Commission. She said if they participate in this event this will open up a grant opportunity in the amount of \$250 for the conservation Commission. That money could go toward map printing or towards kiosks. The hike is scheduled for May 5th from 10:00am to noon. She contacted the manager of the Oak Hill ball Field about parking and he said that they could use the Oak Hill ball field parking area for this event.

Lake Host

Jordan said Tad has filled out the application and handed it in for the Lake Host Payroll for the 2018 season.

Milfoil Budget

Brendan said he explained to the Selectboard that the Milfoil budget would need to be increased. The estimated cost would be more than the \$20,000 budgeted amount the Selectboard have added another \$5,000 to the milfoil budget and the Recreation Commission have taken the \$5,000 they did not use from the playground budget and added that to the Milfoil budget also. There is now \$30,000 in the Milfoil Budget to go toward the anticipated costs.

NRPC Trail map Update

Jordan said she and Jerry met with NRPC about updating the trail maps. They have a new GIS contract. They met with Andrew Smeltz. Jordan handed out maps and asked that the Board review them and get back to her with any corrections or modifications that they may need to do. **Jordan** asked how they should delineate Andres Institute of Art and the Cohen Camp areas on the map. **Jay** suggested they make them another color.

PLC Conservation Easement Volunteer Monitor

Jordan said they will also need to pick a volunteer to be the PLC Conservation Easement Volunteer Monitor for lot K-33 and K-34 and the rail road bed areas that were included in this purchase. This person doesn't have to be a part of the Conservation Commission but they cannot abut the property. **Drew** said ultimately PLC picks the person who will act as the monitor. **Jordan** said that is correct. The responsibilities will be to walk the boundaries at least once a year and fill out a

monitor's sheet. Basically making sure the easement wording is being held up. **Jay** said the boundaries are marked due to the survey that was done not too long ago by the Martins.

Review PB NRSP #2018-B: H-90-1, Powel Sand and Gravel

The Board reviewed this application and had concerns due to this whole site being in the aquifer protection area. They agreed to send a letter to the Planning Board stating the following "We see two potential sources of potential impact to the environment that will need to be addressed by the planning board. Both concern the way that storm water run-off will be handled. The first issue is sheet run-off that may potentially have a direct impact on the Nissitissit River. I believe that under State and Federal regulations they MUST have a Storm Water permit that would outline controls for handling potential impact to receiving streams. This should all be outlined in their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP should be submitted for our review prior to any further approvals. In addition they will be using catch basin dry wells to handle other storm run-off that does not sheet drain. These dry wells are actually groundwater injection units and should be address with NHDES as part of the Subsurface/Groundwater Bureau. This also may have specific permit requirements. Because of the configuration there is the potential that hazardous materials could be washed into these catch basins without the benefit of a bioswale or other measures to remove gasoline, oils or other hazardous materials. It is our recommendation that three monitoring wells be installed (2 down gradient and one up gradient) to be tested for potential groundwater impact at a later date. At the very least we may want to require Volatile organic analysis and total petroleum hydrocarbons on an annual basis. "

Trail Discussion -Nissitissit River Park

Drew brought in a sample of a material they could use at the car top launch sites this called a mobi-matt www.mobi-matt.com **Jay** said they use this at beaches in the water and out of the water. **Drew** said he hasn't received any prices but this sample came in the mail.

Trail Discussion- grants available

Buddy asked if someone could look onto any available grants.

Trail Discussion – Trail Project List

Buddy said they should add the Oak Hill Road Trail, Upper Bartell Trail, Trail behind Sunoco Station, and the Hobart Fessenden Trail by the Herron Rookery to the project list.

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 public minutes as written. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 public meeting minutes as written. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 non-public meeting minutes as written. **Jay** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Jordan left at 7:50pm. **Buddy** asked Jerry to vote for Jordan for the rest of this meeting. **Jerry** agreed.

Sidewalks

Brendan said there are two sidewalks that the Selectboard have to give a preference on what side of the road they will go on. The first one on South Main Street the Selectboard chose to go down the south side of the road (cemetery side). The second sidewalk is on Mason Road this will also have the pedestrian bridge constructed on the down river side or south side of the river (The side of the larger covered bridge).

Trash Barrels – Bohanon Bridge Road

Buddy said at the last meeting they had discussed these trash barrels. They are mainly being filled by a couple who walks Oak Hill Road and pick up trash as they go along. Once they get to the trash barrels that's where they put the trash in that they are finding on their walk. If the trash barrels go away they may not be picking up trash as they go along. If they could just continue to have Tad, if he doesn't mind, to continue to empty the barrels when he can until they can find someone else to do this that would be great.

Eversource

Buddy said Eversource will be working on the north end of Brookline. They want to cross the rail road bed to get to the towers. There are 4 towers out there they need to do some work on. **Buddy** said he and Tom will meet with them next Monday March 26, 2018 at about 3:00pm if anyone from the Board is interested in meeting up with them also. **Brendan** suggested someone take photos of the trails before they get out there to do any work.

Non-Public Session

Jay made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) for the discussion of possible land purchase and immediately adjourn after. **Drew** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Brendan**, **Drew**, and **Jerry** all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. **Brendan** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, 

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative, 

Jordan Bailey, Member, 

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Jerry Jaworski, Alternate, 

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on April 10, 2018.

