



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Conservation Commission

Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman
Jordan Bailey, Member
Tom Rogers, Member
Drew Kellner, Alternate
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative (arrived at 7:40pm)
Brendan Denehy, Alternate Selectboard Rep. (voting until 7:40pm)

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018 as amended. Jerry second. Vote yes 5-0.

Brendan made a motion to approve the May 8, 2018 public minutes as written. Seconded by Jay. Vote yes 5-0.

Searchable PDF Minutes Online

Jerry made a request to add searchable PDF minutes to the website. Jay said he would need to email Tad and request this.

Stickney Brook Trail to Rail Road Bed Discussion

In attendance for this discussion: Jen Coutu, 9 Stickney Brook Drive

Jen said she is very frustrated at this point. She was under the impression from the last meeting that the abutters were going to be notified when they were going to start the trail construction and that didn't happen but there were a lot of trucks on the road at the time of construction. Just common courtesy to notify the abutters. After the last meeting the residents had felt like the decision had already been made to go ahead and build this trail. It was clear from the July meeting that there was a group of residents that had requested this access trail how do you weight the group of people that do want this trail again the group of people who live there and are against this new trail. Also was there an official trail I off Oak Hill Road. **Jay** said yes there were a lot of trucks there on Friday the machine

that went into cut the trail ended up stuck in the swale that the contractor didn't think it would be that wet. He did the right thing by calling in another truck to pull him out or he would have made a real mess in this area. There was an old jeep trail from the 1940's or 1950's off Oak Hill Road and that trail is no longer available since the construction of the Quigley Way Subdivision. A house was built right where the trail was. That trail was a main access trail to the rail road bed in that area. We have been discussing a new access trail for almost 4 years now. The people from the farm riding horses had to use South Main Street. There is heavy traffic and large trucks on this road. The speed and the large trucks are a safety hazard for them. The Boards initial intent was to find a way to utilize the open space given to the town from the Quigley way subdivision but due to beaver activity they have created a pond in this area and they cannot get a trail in through this area. We had a lot of discussion about other areas to put an access trail in. It is the guise of the Conservation Commission to provide access to the public to public land. **Jen** asked if there is a reason why they never notified the abutters. **Drew** said they didn't expect the grade stake to be in someone's front yard. In the normal course of business they would not have notified abutters and they do not need to hold a public hearing. **Jen** said this trail is also 12 feet wide and you stated at the last meeting it wasn't going to be more than 8 feet wide. This is 75 to 100 feet from her aunt's house. **Jay** said when they first cut in a trail due to the equipment they cut at least 12 feet wide then the trail grows back in and they only maintain it to the 6 to 8 feet wide. This will grow in quickly. **Jen** said they also stated there would be no parking signs posted and they are not up yet. **Buddy** said they will let the DPW know that a sign is needed. **Jerry** said he was under the impression that they wouldn't put a no parking sign in unless there was an issue. **Jen** said you also said there would be a gate at this entrance by November. **Drew** said the gates would be at the rail road bed entryways and they agreed rocks would be placed at the trail head.

Jen said people are talking about lights and security systems. **Jay** said he is not sure what the hysteria is about. There might be an additional 8 people or so who will use this trail not including the residents of this street. **Jen** said there are 19 kids in this neighborhood. **Jen** asked if they plan to advertise this trail. **Jay** said they can advertise this as an access trail to the rail road bed yes. **Jordan** said if they add it to the map they will make note that there is no parking at this location. **Brendan** said this is a part of the connectivity plan. **Jordan** also said the Board should be apologetic to the people in this neighborhood. **Drew** said there is still money in the budget for the purpose of this trail and they could discuss some natural privacy fencing between the trail and her Aunts home. **Jen** said she will discuss it with them and let him know. **Buddy** said he was out in this area last weekend and he and his wife saw a wooded turtle.

Jay made a motion to request that the town install no parking signs at the end of Stickney Brook road at the hammer head by the trail and remove the fund for this sign form the off-site improvement money they received for the Quigley way subdivision. Jordan seconded.

Vote yes 5-0.

Jay said they will also need to have DPW add this are to the list of trail that will need to be plowed in the winter.

Planning Board Case 2018.2: F-2Ruth Moran Family Trust of 1992 lot line revision & subdivision plan.

Buddy said there is no engineer in attendance so how we are going to review this plan. The Board looked at the plan and Jay had read some of the notes listed on this plan. Note 2 states the purpose of this plan is to revise the tax map parcels, F-2, F-4-1, F-4-2, and F-4-3 then subdivision lot F-2 into two lots as shown. Jay said at the moment the Storage units and the Stoney Ledge business center is on the same lot and this will separate the two building and they will each have their own

lot. **Jay** said it doesn't look like there would be any changes to any conservation areas. The Board agreed they have no comments for the Planning Board in regards to the plan. Buddy abstained

Planning Board Conceptual discussions regarding subdivision plans

After discussion the Board agreed that a letter should be drafted to the Planning Board that stated they would like to have the ability to review all conceptual plans at a Conservation Commission meeting before it is discussed at a Planning Board meeting. They would also strongly recommend that an engineer be at the Conservation Commission meeting to describe the plan they will be reviewing. They also request that a PDF copy of the plan be emailed to the Conservation Commission so they can review the plan before the meeting.

Master Plan Natural Resources Chapter

Jordan said she will review this chapter. Maps may need to be updated in this chapter.

Ghost Train

The next Ghost Train race will be held on the weekend of October 20 and the 21, 2018. **Tom** said he has offered to shuttle people back and forth if the need the Parking lot at the school again. The Board agreed to auction off the ability to race to 10 people on the waiting list. They will need to discuss this with the race director.

Milfoil

Buddy said Melendy Pond is close to blooming so he had Tad reach out to Solitude to see when they would be treating the pond. The divers will be back at Lake Potanipo. They should be under budget for this year for milfoil.

Lake Host

Jay said there is an update in the mail about the Lake Host program. They are asking that the Conversion Commission add more money into the salaries for next year. The Board agreed not to increase funds next year and to send the same amount as they did this year.

Bear Bait on Town Property Discussion

Jay said they have someone who would like to bait bear on town property. He has applied for a permit with Fish and Game but it is pending the town's permission. After discussion the Board agreed that they would have the applicant contact Jay meet him on site to make sure this bait is located far enough away from any town trails, residents, won't be accessed by any neighborhood pets. They would also like to get the GPS coordinates.

Jay made a motion to agree to have the applicant meet Jay at the bait site location to review the area and if there are no issue with this location then allow Jay to sign there permit for the Conservation Commission. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-1. Buddy abstained.

Trail Discussion

Nissitissit River Park

Drew said they have the first draft of the parking easement he has suggested that they hold a second meeting this month to have it signed. The owner of the Sunoco Station will need to sign off on this and then the Board will need to sign.

Palmer Trail Area

Jerry said he was out in this area and there is some repair work that will need to be done at the cabin on the Palmer land. There is a hole in the roof and a tree down behind the cabin. **Tom** said he has stuff to fix the holes in the roof. **Buddy** said he would go out and cut up the tree.

Trail GPS with NRPC

Jerry said at the last ROST meeting there was a presentation by Andrew from NRPC. **Jerry** had spoken with Andrew after the meeting and asked about having him help with a GPS file for Brookline trails. He said he would be happy to come out and help. **Jerry** said the NRPC maps are incorrect and should be fixed. He would also like to have all the mountain bike trails mapped too. **Jordan** asked if she could get that file emailed to her when they are done she believes she may be able to create maps.

Lower Bartell Area

Jerry said there is a lot of erosion on the lower Bartell trail area from water runoff. **Buddy** said they should patch that up.

RTP Grant

Buddy said they were approved for the RTP Grant for the Upper Bartell Trail Project. We just have to connect with Eversource to make sure we will not impact any power line projects.

2019 Budget

Drew suggest they hold off and discuss this at the second BCC meeting that they will schedule for 9/25/2018 this month. The Board agreed.

Jordan said they should discuss adding to the budget the cost of having a natural resource inventory done on all town properties.

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 and immediately adjourn the meeting. **Tom** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy, Jay, Jordan, Tom, and Ron** all voted yes.

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

Adjourn

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

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**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on September 25, 2018**