



**Town of BROOKLINE, NEW
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Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Conservation Commission
Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Jordan Bailey, Member
Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate and Ron Olsen, Selectboard Representative

Buddy introduced Sean McNair, he is interested in being a part of the Conversation Commission. **Sean** said he and his wife moved here from Norfolk Massachusetts.

Mike Gagnon, County Forester

Mike Gagnon introduced himself to the Board he is the new County Forester Field Specialist working for UNH Cooperative Extension. He has taken over for Ethan Belair. He grew up in Bedford New Hampshire and went to UNH for Forestry. He has been at this job for 8 weeks now. His primary goal is education. If someone called him who has a large parcel of land, he would meet them at the property and walk it to decided what the best management practice would be for that lot. **Drew** said they are on the doorstep of a management project for some of the larger lots in Brookline. He would like to look into funding for this. **Mike** said he has also been tasked with becoming the expert in invasive species. We have 35 species in New Hampshire. **Jordan** said they have some along the roadway in town like Japanese Knot Weed and Purple Loose Strife. She said the Board should discuss this with the new Director of Public Works before they cut the brush back on the roads in town as to not spread it any further. **Jordan** said Buddy has single handedly almost knocked out the Knot Weed located at the Bartell Palmer parking area.

Ed Cook, Brookline IceBreakers, Additional Trail Connector across Route 13 to conservation land

In attendance Ed Cook, Brookline Ice Breakers and Amos White. (IceBreakers Plan attached)

Ed said he is the President of the Brookline IceBreakers he is also on the Board of Director for the Hollis Nor'easters. They are proposing a new snowmobile crossing. This will be located north Route 13 from the discontinued northern entrance to Hood Road. This will connect two pieces of conservation land. This new plan will be a costly plan they are proposing to cross the wetland. This trail has been marked with pink ribbons if anyone would like to see where this will go. They will be building two bridges over the wetland area on the left side of Route 13 heading north immediately before the Bartell Trail head parking lot. There will be a minimum impact of less than 2,000 sf of wetlands. They will also be moving the jersey barriers that are located at the discontinued northern entrance to Hood Road to fit snowmobilers thorough. They have already done the research and found no record of endangered species in this area. This plan would also include adding a gate or two. There will be no funding requirements from the BCC. **Ed** said the position of the bridge will minimize the impact to the wetlands. The Board agreed this is a great idea. **Tom made a motion to support this application for a new Route 13 crossing proposed by the IceBreakers at tonight's meeting, the new wetlands crossing scoped out in tonight's plan, including any permits needed for DOT and allow Francis "Buddy" Dougherty (BCC Chairman) to sign off on landowner permission on any parcel under the purview of the Conservation Commission.** Jay seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Drew made a motion to verify that Lot B-101 and Lot B-97 are under the purview of the Conservation Commission. If they are not currently under the control of the Conservation Commission, then to have the Selectboard add these lots to the list of Conservation Commission controlled lots. Tom seconded, vote yes 5-0.

Nominate a BCC Member for the Well & Water Committee for Planning Board

Drew Made a motion to nominate Jay Chrystal to the Well & Water Committee as the Conservation Commission Representative. Tom seconded.mk vote yes 5-0.

Membership terms Discussion for March BCC meeting

Buddy suggested they Email Eric and find out if he would like to be an alternate for another 3 year term.

Case # 2020.1:D-41, D-41-2 Fait, Lot Line Revision Plan, Comments for Planning Board

Jay read the purpose of this plan was to is to depict a proposed lot line revision between lots D-41 & D-41-2, as shown. Looks like the driveway to the original house lot is on lot D-42-2 and instead of moving it they have created an easement that allows them to continue to use this driveway on the abutting lot and they will not need to move it. The Board had no comments for the Planning Board regarding this plan.

Case # 2020.2: F-111, F113.2 Lot Line Revision Plan, Comments for Planning Board

the purpose of this plan is to revise the common lot line between lots F-111 and Lot F-113-2, Adding Parcel 'A' to Lot F-111, which will provide walking access from the Old Milford Road to Lot F-111, as shown. **Jay** said they are purchasing the 8.21 acres from Lot F-113-2 and adding them to Town Lot F-111. There will be a 20 foot trail that will go to the back of the lot from the Old Milford Road sidewalk. The Board agreed they had no comments for the Planning Board regarding this plan.

Discuss Timber Harvest Warrant article

Drew said Town counsel said they cannot do what this warrant article is proposing. **Drew made a motion to withdraw the warrant article. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Bond Street Bridge

Buddy said the Town Administrator has asked if the Conservation Commission wanted the company (Hoyle and Tanner) that is engineering the Bond Street Bridge Repairs to come into discuss the project with the Commission. The Board agreed they didn't think it was necessary to have them come in.

Eversource Arborist

Buddy said he had a call from an Arborist that works with Eversource about the trees that were cut down on town property while they were clearing the right of way a few years ago. They said they were coming out again. **Buddy** said he is waiting for a call back.

Maps

Jerry handed out samples of maps that he has created with the new software. He would like to redo all the information in the Kiosks. He made signs for the kiosks trail etiquette, friendly cyclist code, no motorized vehicles, and a sign with QR codes. **Jordan** said the map really looks great. The Board agreed.

Midnight Hike at Bartel Palmer

Tom said there was a great turn out for the moonlight walk through Palmer Bartell. They had 12 people in attendance. Snow was hard and great for walking. The next one will be scheduled for Hobart Fessenden Woods.

Target Shooting at Palmer

Tom said they haven't had any more complaints about the shooting at this location. There was a lot of debris left at this location from target shooting like casing and glass. **Tom** said hopeful this was an isolated incident. The people who noticed the shell casings and the bottles picked up a lot of the debris but there were glass bottles on the ice that they couldn't get to. **Jerry** said he wasn't aware they had a no target shooting on town property he will also put together a sign that states that as well to add to the kiosks.

Trails Committee

Tom said he has spoken to Shayla Greene has said she would be interested in becoming a member of the Brookline Trail Committee.

Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 both public and non-public. **Tom** seconded. **Vote yes 5-0.**

Drew made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2020 public and nonpublic minutes and the December 10th, 2019 public and nonpublic minutes as written. **Jay** seconded. **Vote yes 5-0.**

Non-public Session

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. Drew seconded. Roll call vote Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Ron 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, Tom, Jerry, Ron and Drew all voted yes.

Adjourn

Drew made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, 

Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman, 

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Alternate, _____

Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on March 10, 2020

*motion to approve at
the 6/9/20 Bcc zoom meeting.*



A PROPOSAL TO CONNECT TWO PARCELS OF BROOKLINE CONSERVATION LAND

Ed Cook

Member, Brookline Trails Committee
President, IceBreakers Snowmobile Club
Director, Nor'Easters Snowmobile Club

OPPORTUNITY

Connect two conservation parcels on the East & West sides of Rt 13 with two new trail segments and a state-approved road crossing

Benefits to the public

- Connects and improves existing developed trails on town land in the vicinity of Hood Rd and Palmer-Bartell Trail head
- Available for all trail users (multi-use trails — hikers, bikers, equestrians, etc)
- Current Palmer-Bartell parking area often filled to capacity, causing users to park on the side of Route 13
- Ties into the Trail Committee's desire to create a new parking area on the east side of Route 13 on the old portion of the Hood Rd (where new proposed trail crossing would be)
- Safe place to cross that meets DOT requirements for road crossings
- Safe location to observe the local flora and fauna of the wetlands with out standing on the edge of Route 13

MINIMAL IMPACT — NO COST

Minimal Environmental Impact

- This project meets the requirements for an "Expedited, Minimal Impact Permit (EXP) since the disturbed area will be less than 3,500 ft²
- A recent search of the per Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) database shows no known records of endangered species

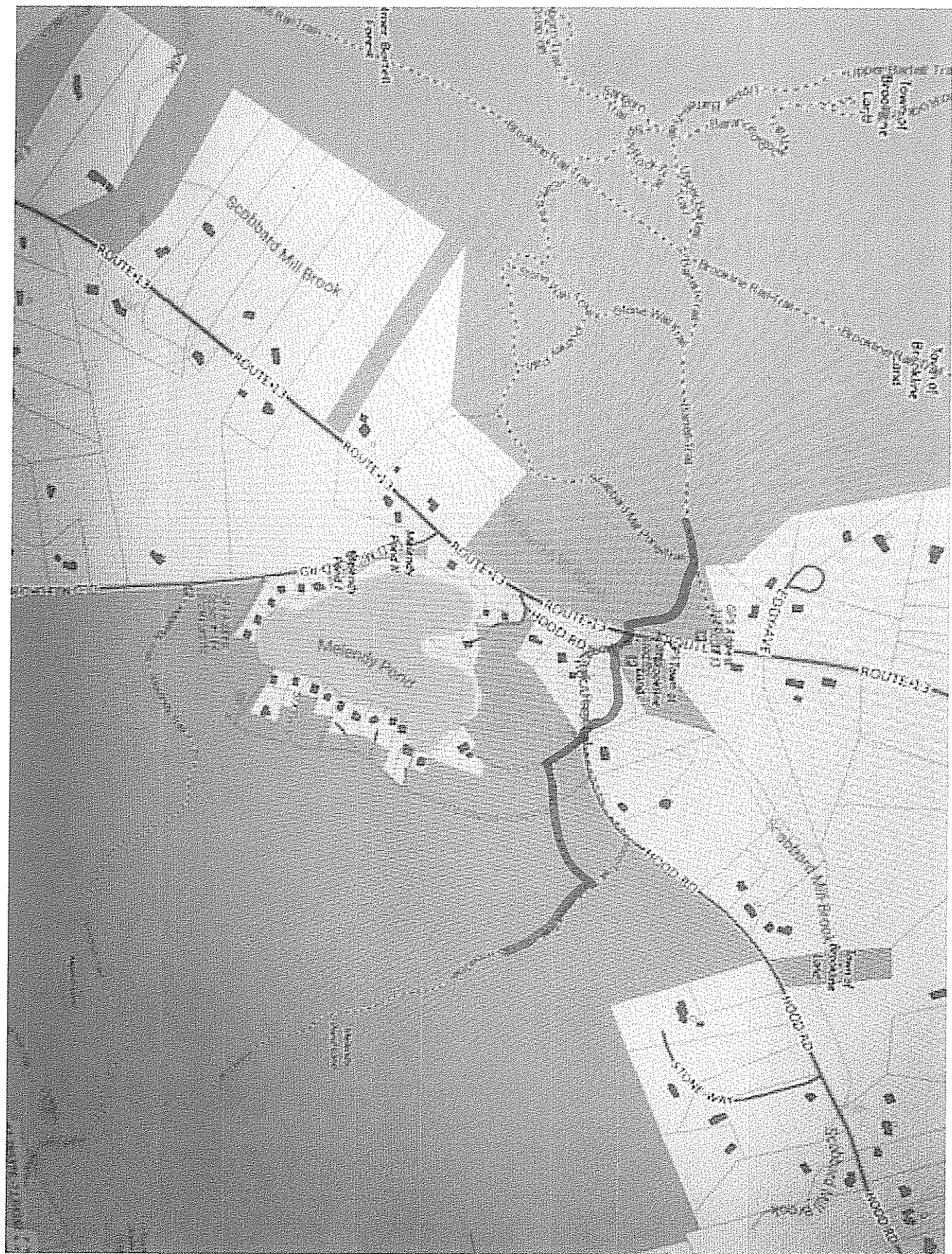
No cost to the town or tax payers

- Snowmobile clubs will bear the initial cost and on-going maintenance of the bridges and trail creation
- Will seek NH Bureau of Trails Grant along with club funding

Why Now?

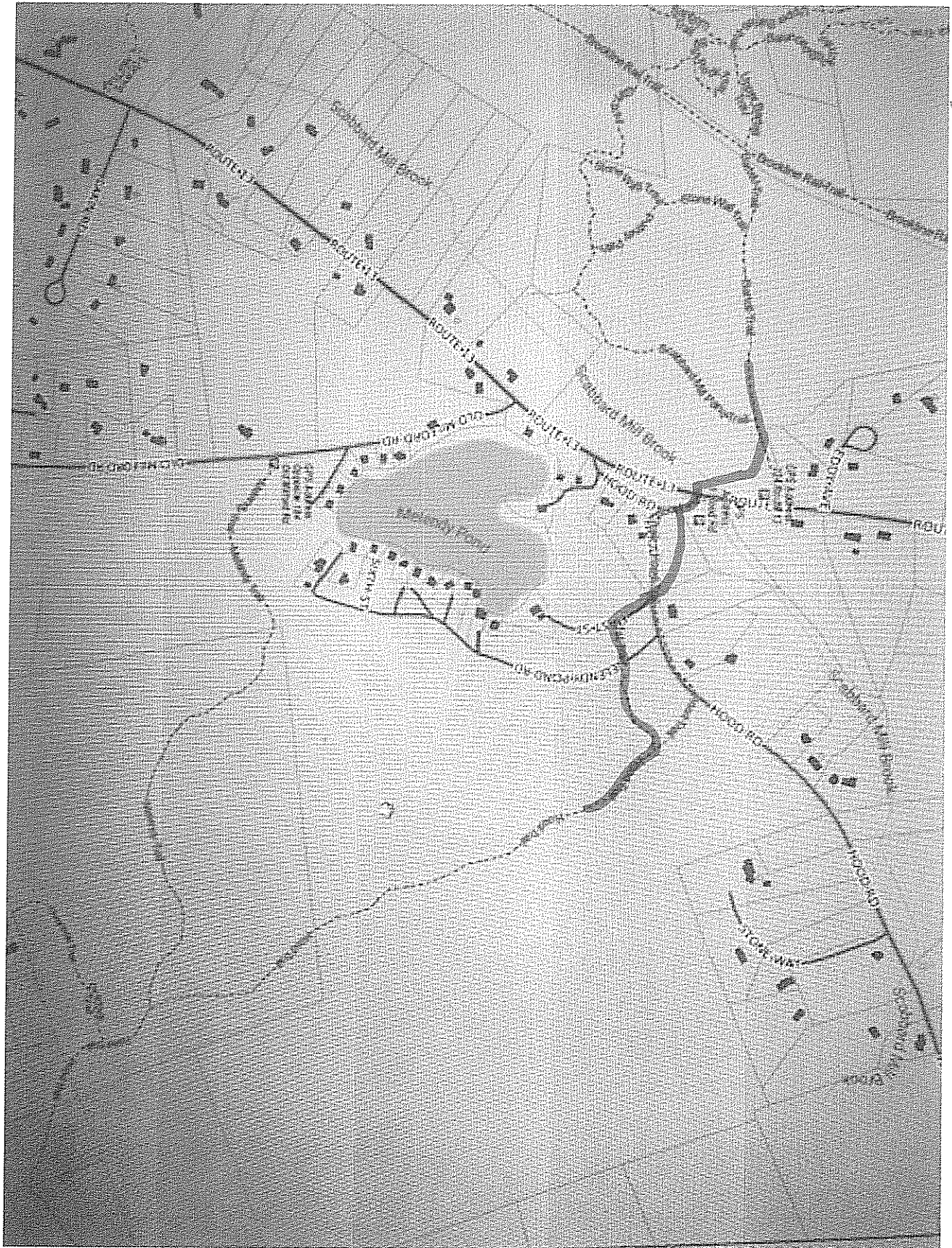
- Previously the Brookline IceBreakers have applied for a DOT road crossing permit across from the Palmer-Bartell parking lot, but have been denied:
 - Three times on the east, once on the west
- This proposal (crossing Route 13 at Hood Rd) meets and exceeds all DOT requirements, and will be a safer crossing for all users

Route 13 / Hood Rd
Wet land crossing

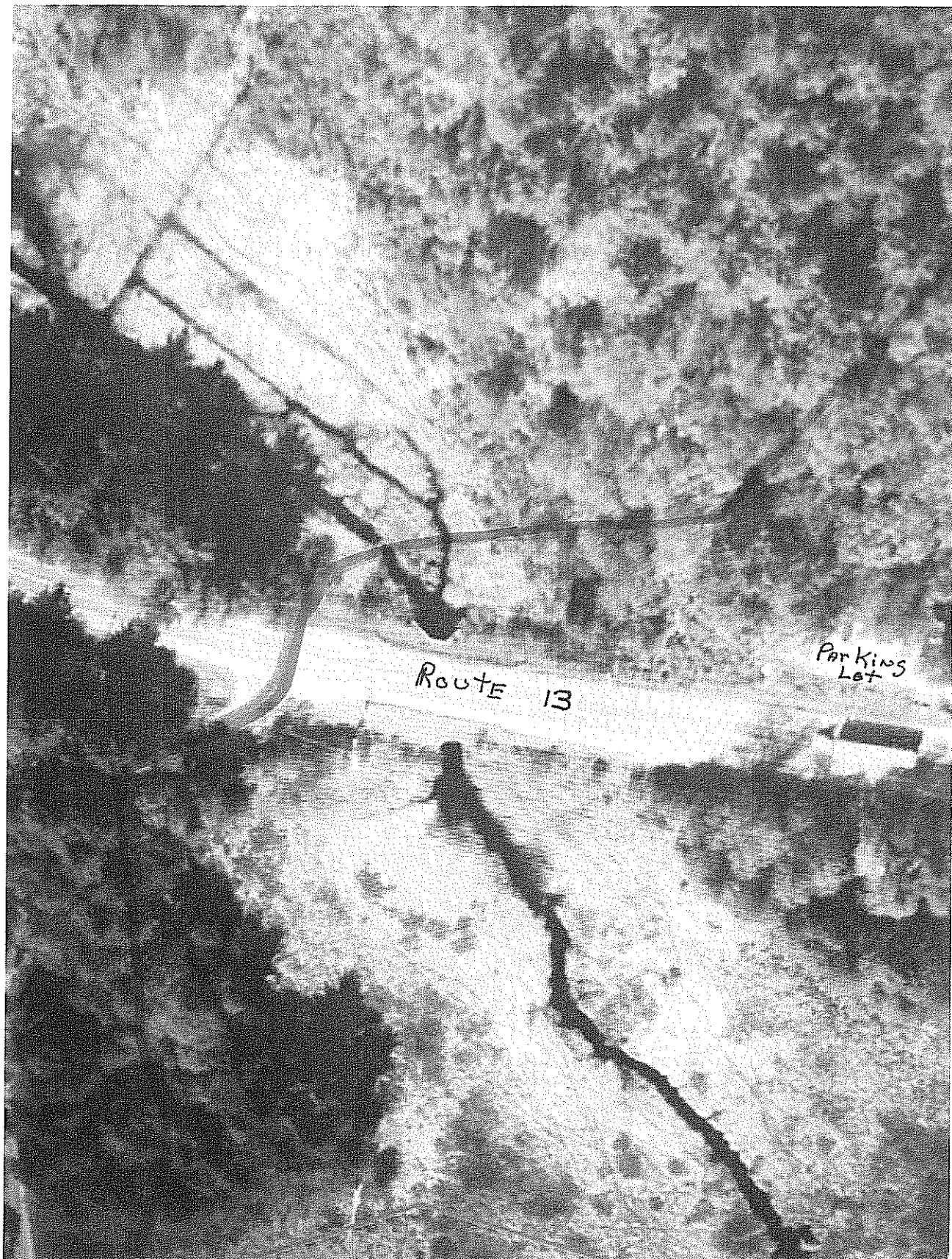


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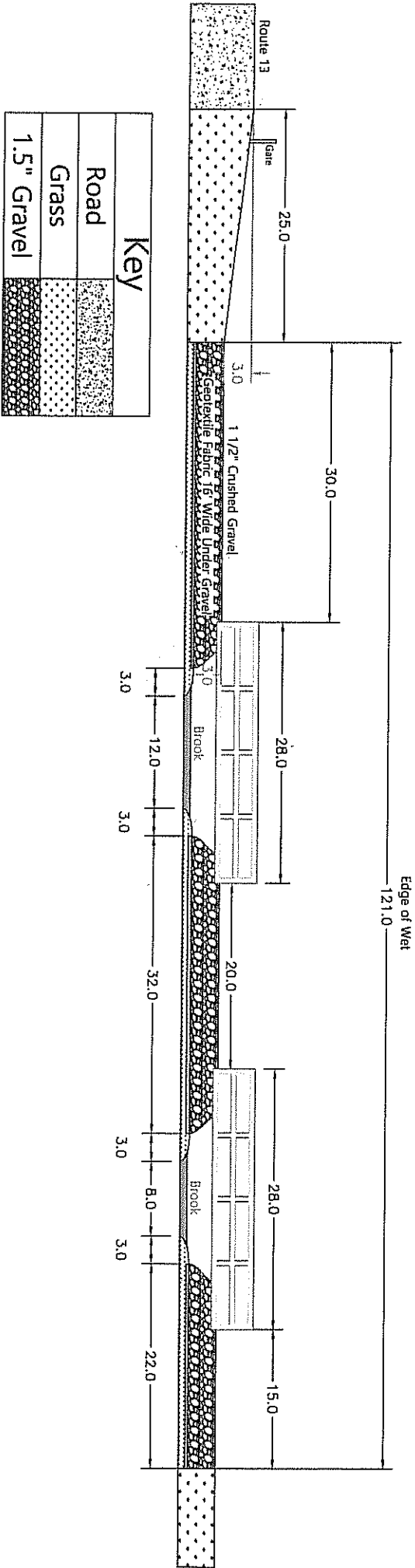
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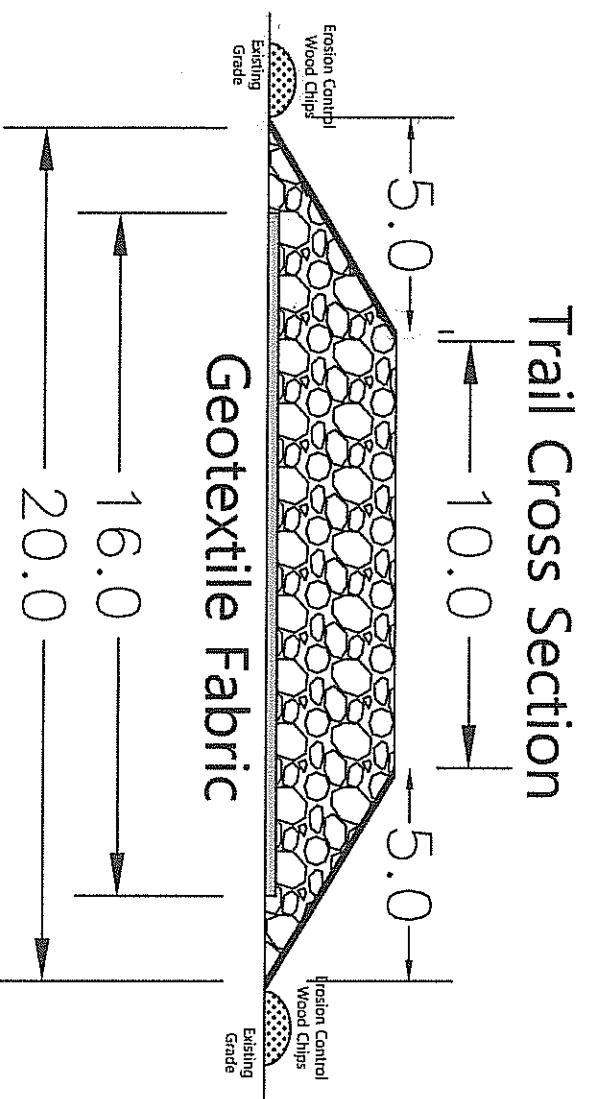
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Route 13 / Hood Road Crossing

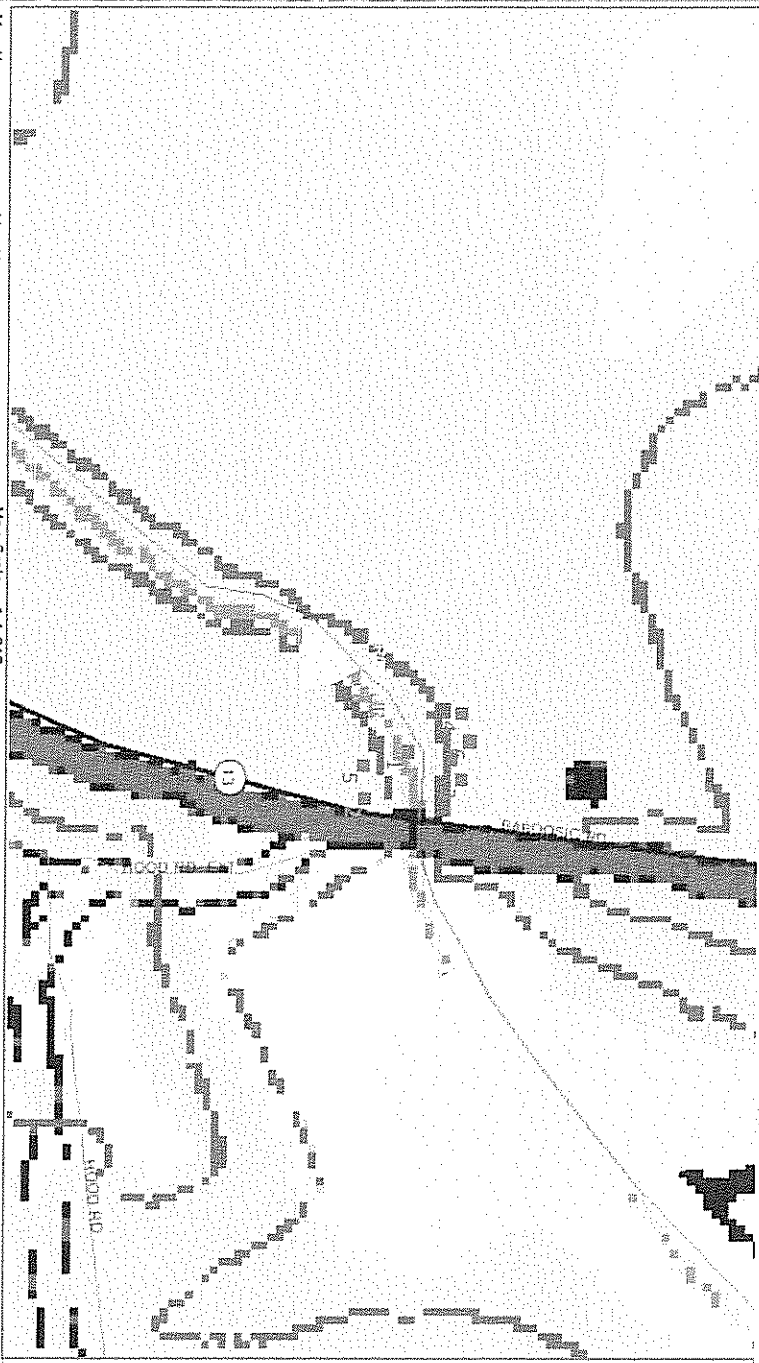


Route 13 / Hood Road Wetland Crossing



Key	
Road	
Grass	
1.5" Gravel	
3" Composted Loam	

NHB Datacheck Tool: Map Project



Map X: Map Y: Map Scale = 1:1,918

Map Notification Points

Notification points indicate stream crossings, culverts, retaining walls, docks, etc.

Current points:

- #1 @ x = 986195, y = 103995
- #2 @ x = 986242, y = 103952
- #3 @ x = 986223, y = 104048
- #4 @ x = 986157, y = 104048
- #5 @ x = 986206, y = 103950

DataCheck Results: NO KNOWN RECORDS

There are no known NHB records in the vicinity of the notification points you mapped.

You can request an official report of this result, which will be valid for a period of one year from today.

Continue Remove Selected Remap

