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**TOWN OF  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Conservation Commission*

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**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman  
Tom Rogers, Member  
Jerry Jaworski, Member  
Roy Wallen, Alternate  
Sean McNair, Alternate  
Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative  
Drew Kellner, Alternate Selectboard Representative

**Absent:** Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

**Buddy** called the meeting to order and read the rule for the Hybrid meeting:

- Any meeting attendees participating via Zoom are asked to activate the “mute” function until called upon by the chair
- Meeting attendees via Zoom must use the “raise hand” function under the “reactions” tab to participate in the meeting – and will be permitted to comment once and if called upon by the chair.
- Anyone providing comments during the meeting must first identify their name and address
- The “chat” function for Zoom participants will be disabled by the meeting administrator or otherwise not addressed; “chat” items will not be part of the public meeting/record
- Meeting attendees via Zoom will not be listed as attendees in the minutes (except Board members)
- The meeting’s physical location is the official meeting room. Should technical difficulties arise with the remote portion, the meeting will continue at the physical location.

### Minutes ( June 8, 2021 and June 22, 2021)

**Dana** made a motion to approve the Public and non-public minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting and the Non- public minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

### Aidan Maguire – Lake Host

**Aidan** said they have had a least a 4 hour coverage every day since the last meeting. It hasn't been very busy. Krystal from NH Lakes has sent in the updated payroll and we have 72% left out of the &10,000 we have used about \$3,000 for salaries. **Dana** said Aidan is doing a great job. **Buddy** asked if he had staff through Labor Day. **Aidan** said some of the staff is going back to college, but he will ask if anyone can cover through Labor Day.

**Aidan** said they have had a couple of complaints from people at the Boat Ramp, one is that people are swimming and tubing in front of the Boat Ramp on the really hot and the second complaint is that people are not picking up after there dogs. The Board agreed to have Kristen contact Fish and Game and let them know about the complaints. **Drew** said there is a kiosk at the Board Ramp, and he suggested adding signs about picking up after you dog. **Jay** said he believes there is a law that states people can't swim at boat ramps.

### Ghost Train

**Buddy** said this is coming up soon and they are looking for comments on the food. Should they offer food on site or do we have people bring their own food. Last year people brough food donations for the food bank. **Drew** said they have been pushing for lower impact like bring your own cup or small water bottle. He said he is willing to recycle water bottles to not have to use the single use bottles.

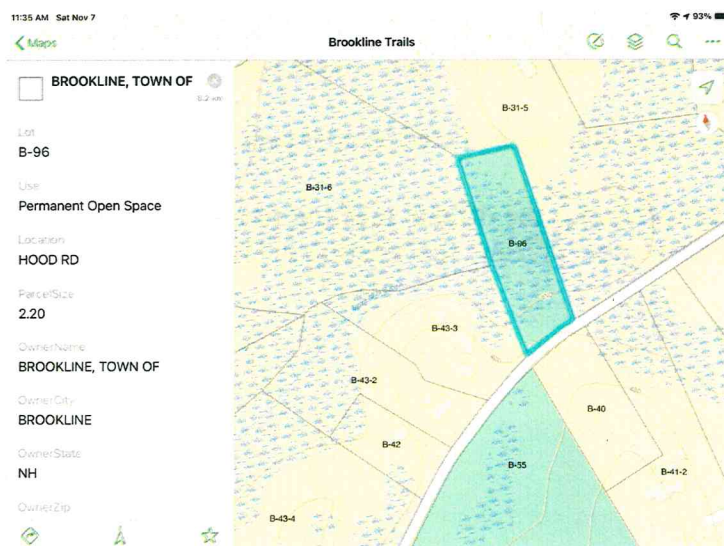
### Talbot Taylor Preserve

**Greg Martin** said asked if the Conservation Commission was responsibly for the dam and the spill way. **Drew** said they are waiting for a legal opinion. The state does inspect the dam. **Greg** said there is a foot wide steady stream of water running through the spill way.

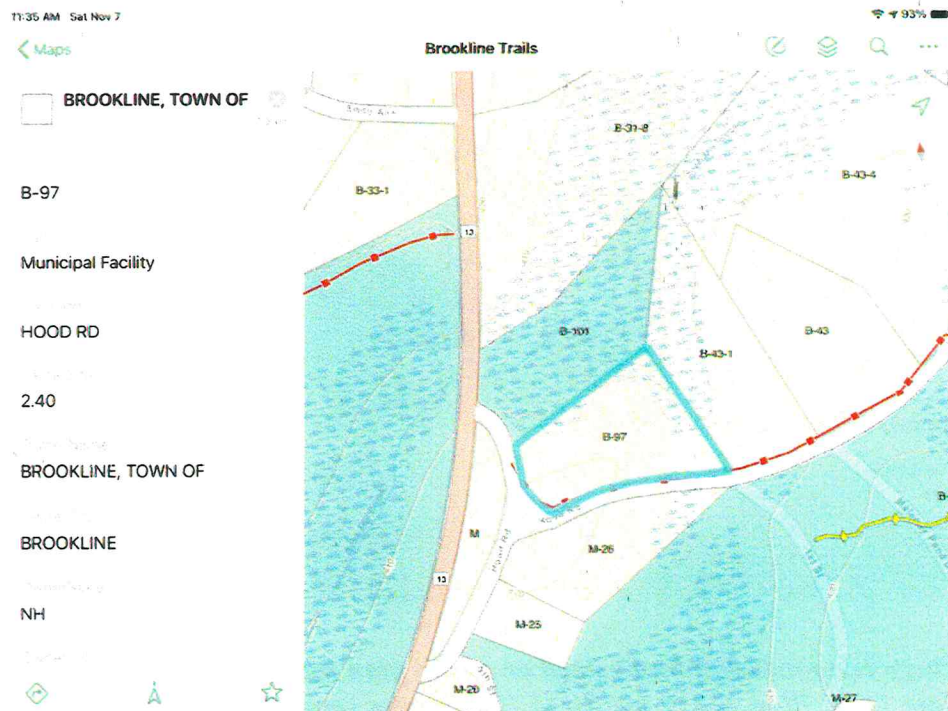
### Discuss 12 Town owned lots, should they be under the BCC conserved land list

**Jerry** said there are 12 lots that are town owned some were taken by tax deed, some were not but should they be listed under BCC conserved property. We would need to request the responsibility from the Selectboard. The Board discussed Jerry's list:

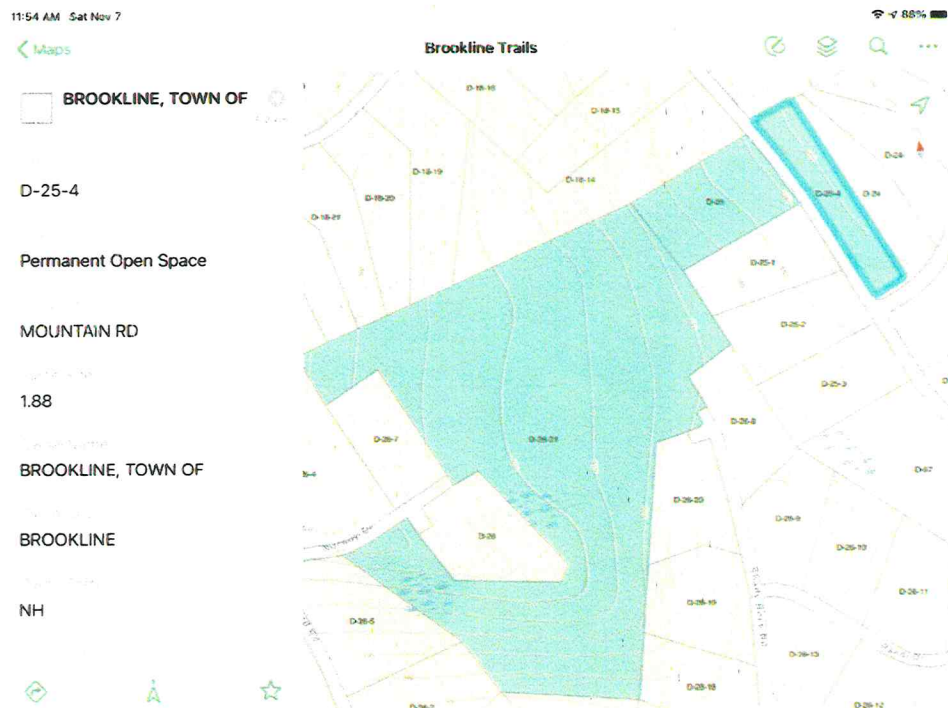
**B-96: Wetlands lot on north side of Hood Road. Town owned but Avitar does not list a deed.**



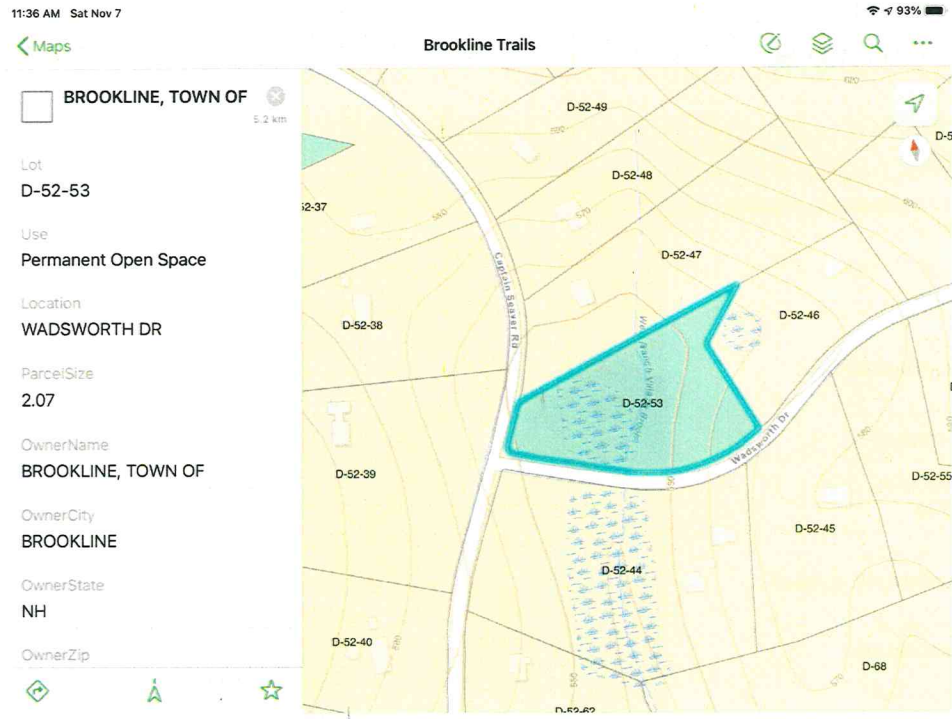
**B-97: Tax Collector lot.**



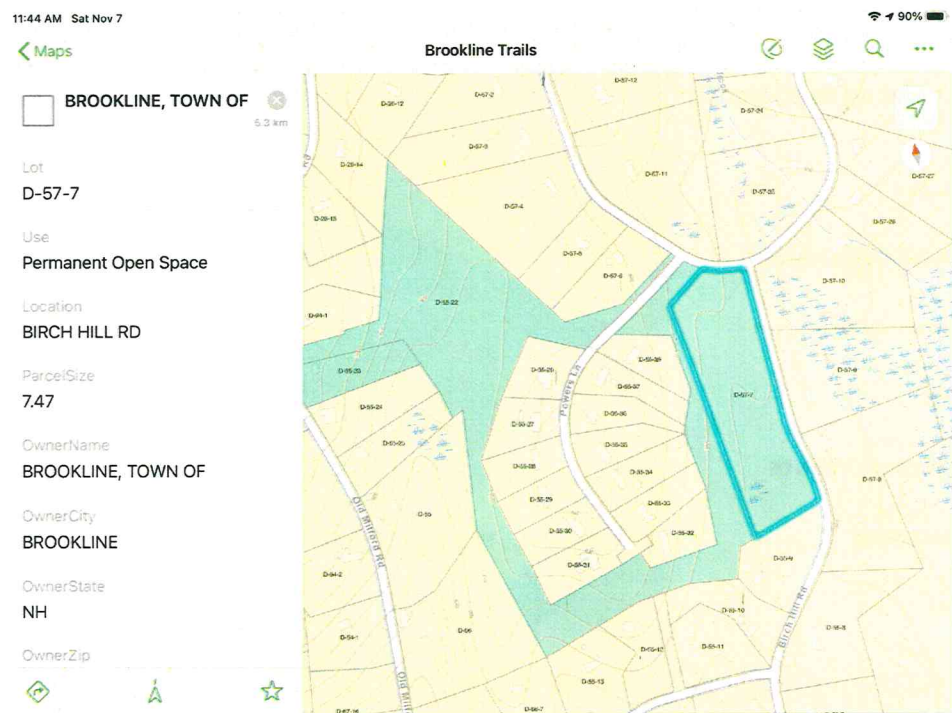
**D-25 and D-25-4: Adjacent to Open Space lot D-26-21**



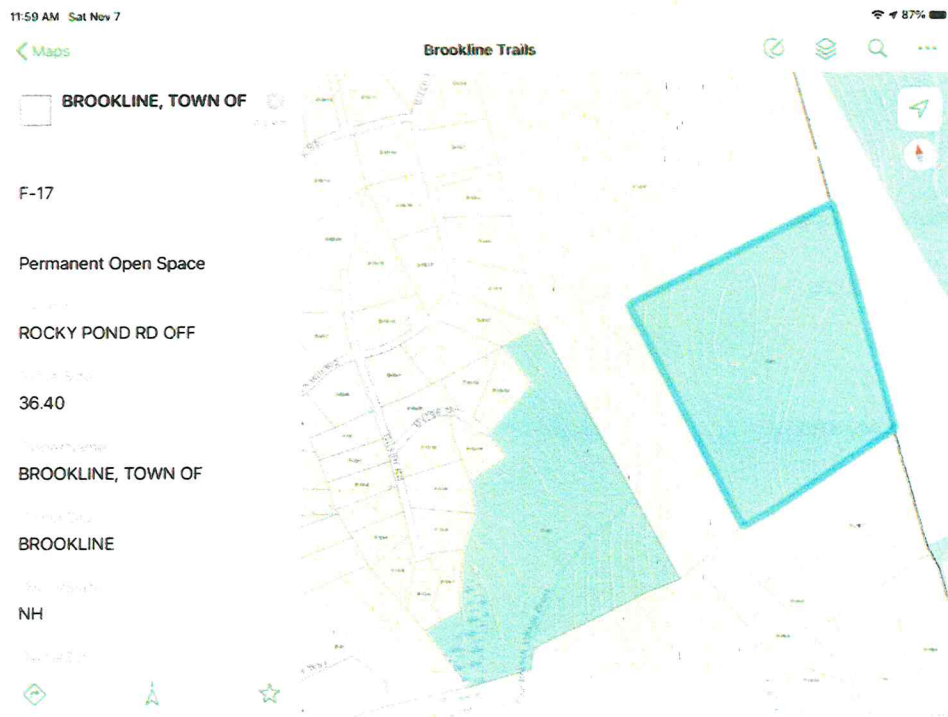
**D-52-53:** *Has West Branch of Village Brook running through it*



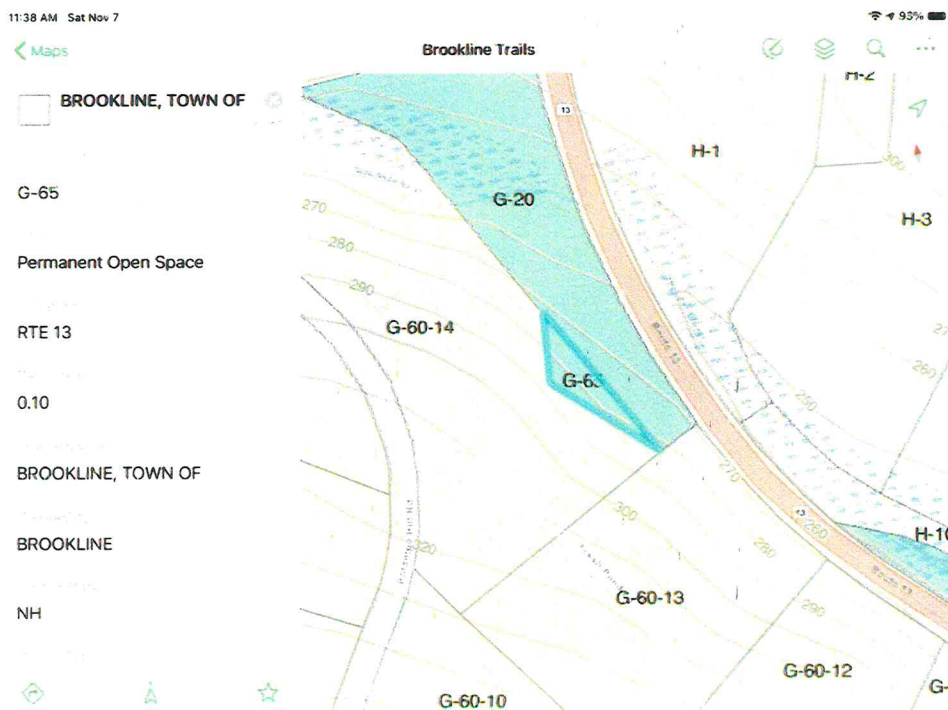
*D-57-7: There is no mention in the deed or on the plan that this is an Open Space lot. However, Note 11 on Plan 26312 for Birch Hill Estates says, "Lot D-57-7 is not to be considered a separate building lot but will be conveyed to the Town of Brookline." Should we consider it an Open Space lot and therefore in our purview?*



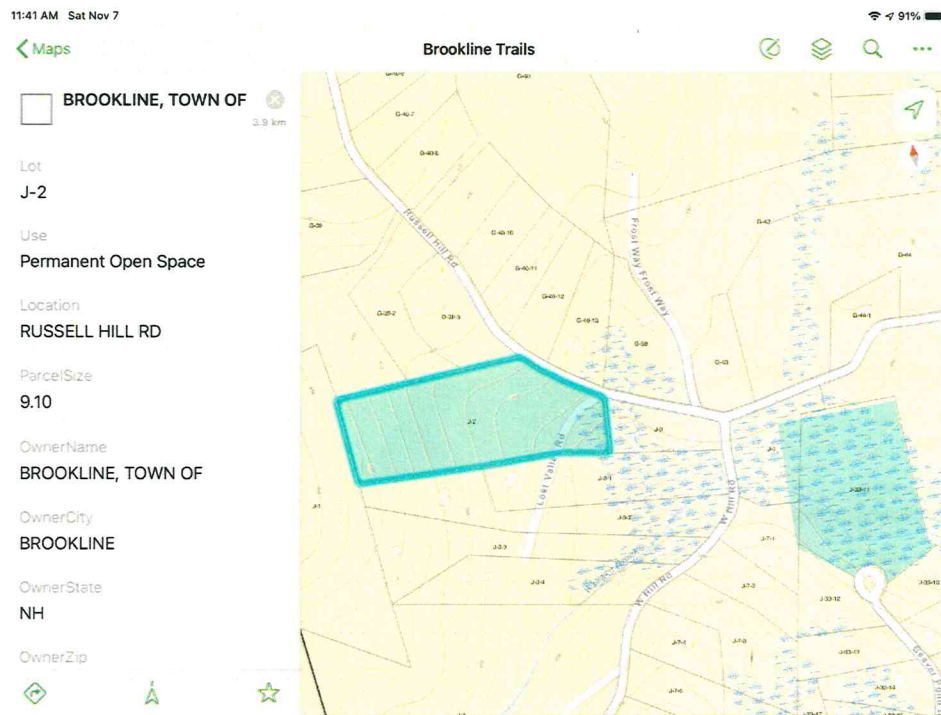
**F-17:** *Town owned but Avitar does not list a deed. Lot is on the Hollis border with East Branch of the Village Brook running through northwest corner*



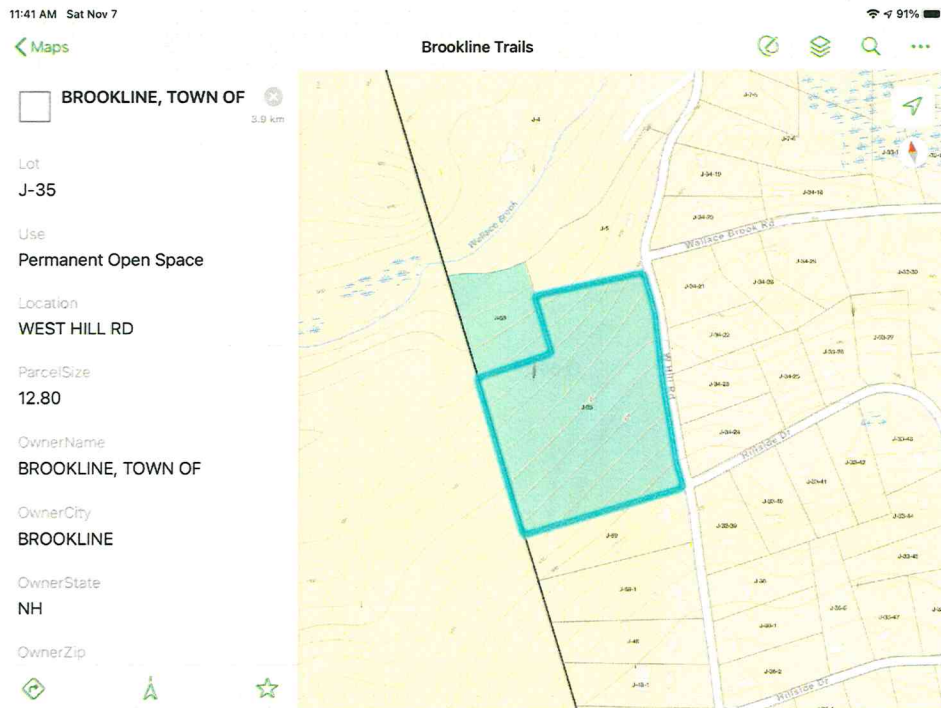
**G-65:** *Tax Collector lot*



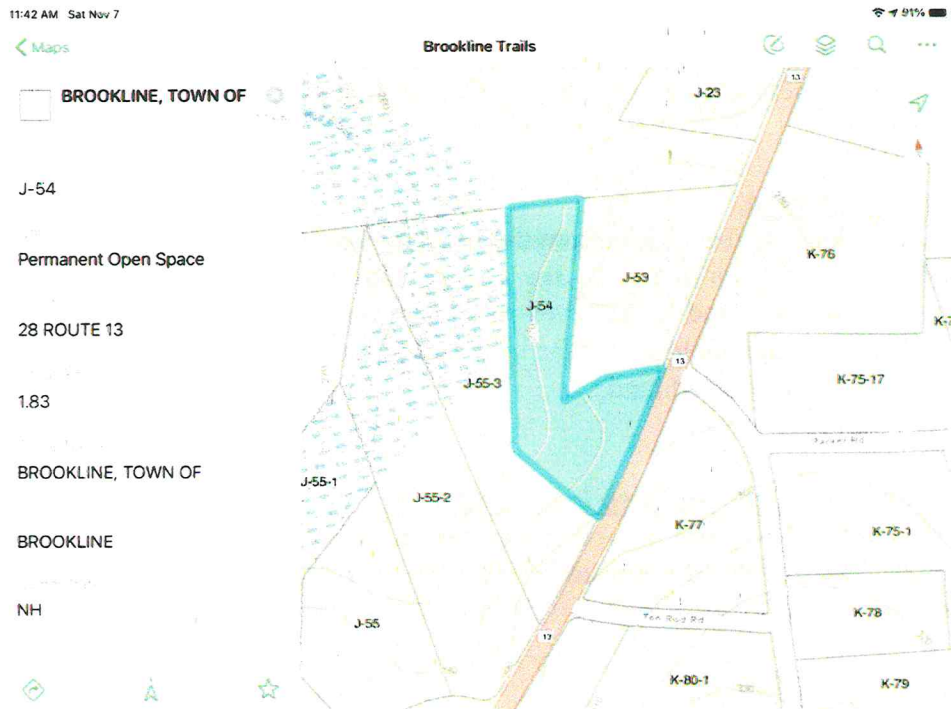
**J-2:** *Town owned but Avitar does not list a deed.*



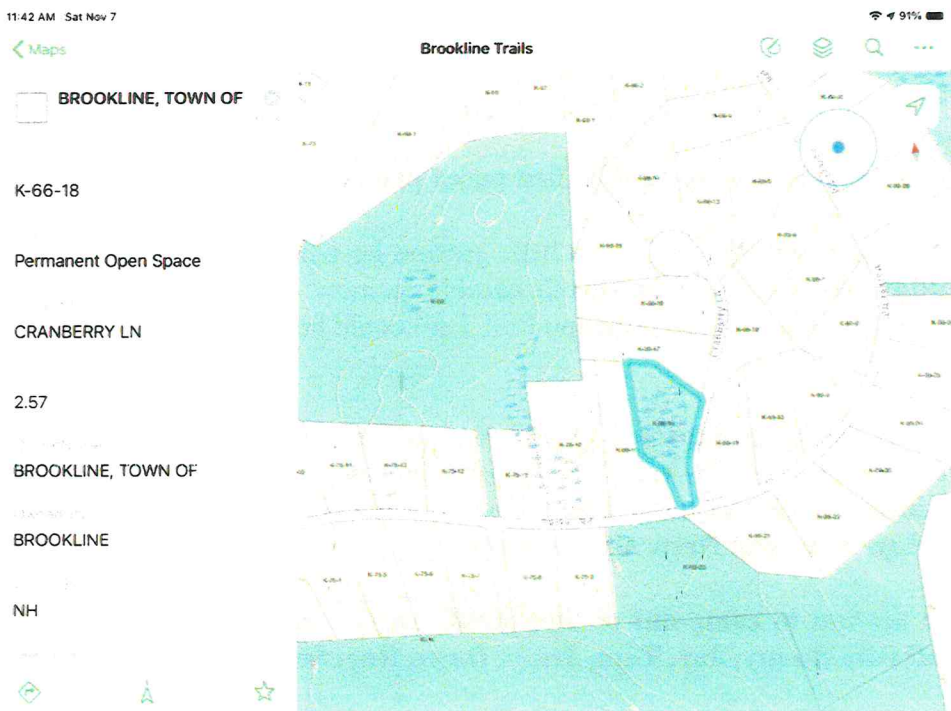
**J-35:** *Town owned but Avitar does not list a deed.*



**J-54:** *Town owned but Avitar does not list a deed.*



**K-66-18:** *Corner of Cranberry Lane and Parker Road. Deed conveys the lot to the Town w/o any conditions. Plan lists it as a non-building lot and shows approximate location of a cranberry bog (as of 1992). Should we consider it an Open Space lot and therefore in our purview?*



The Board agreed that they will need to find more information on lot D-57-7. They also agreed lot B-96, D-25, D-52-53, J-2, J-54 and K-66-18 will not need to be added to the list of BCC lands that are maintained by the BCC. They agreed to put together a spreadsheet for the Selectboard requesting that they make a motion to add the following lots to the list of lots that are to be maintained by the Conservation Commission. This spreadsheet will include Lot B-97, B-101, F-17, G-65, and J-35.

### **Review Conservation Map**

**Jerry** said he didn't include the 12 lots from the list they just discussed but included the open space lots. He also didn't include Camp Tevya. **Jay** said he doesn't believe the numbers add up, this map says they have 1,971 acres, and he believes they have more like 2,200 acres. **Jerry** said he will review the numbers, but this includes all the open space lots. **Jay** will let Jerry know what is listed on his spreadsheet of town owned land.

### **2021-5:G-40, Farwell, Clarence Two Lot subdivision.**

This plan came before the Board at a previous meeting there is one change the proposed two lot subdivision plan when it was first presented it had two separate driveways and the new plan was changed to a common driveway. The board had no issues with this plan.

### **Letter from Resident re: lot J-39**

We received a letter from a resident in regard to Lot J-39 which is owned by the town of Brookline it is off of Laurelcrest Drive they were writing to request information and assistance about protecting and conserving this lot. **Jay** said this is a lot that we already own it is already under the conservation preview because it is an open space lot he will send a response via email.

### **MD's Trash Bins**

**Jerry** said he contacted Tad about the trash can behind Sonoco and said it needed to be moved instead of moving it they removed the trash can from behind Sonoco. **Jay** said they should also ask Tad if they can add a cover on the trash bin to avoid household trash being put in the bin.

### **Trails Update**

**Jerry** said James Gibson has finished the first major part of the Sleeping Rock Trail. Tom said this is a great trail.

**Buddy** said the upper Bartell Trail has a little erosion he will try and fix this with his tractor on Thursday. **Buddy** asked Drew if he would be able to mow from Camp Tevya to North Mason Road. **Drew** agreed. **Tom** said the Potanipo Rail Trail could be mowed also.

### **Non-Public**

**Dana** made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for purpose of land acquisition and RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and RSA 91-A:3 II (l) legal advice by counsel and immediately adjourn after. **Tom** Seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Roy, Sean** and **Drew** all voted yes.

**Dana** made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. **Seconded** by **Tom**. Roll call vote **Buddy, Jay, Tom, Jerry, Dana, Roy, Sean**, and **Drew** all voted yes.

**Adjourn**

**Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Tom seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

**Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chair,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jay Chrystal, Vice Chairman,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tom Rogers, Member,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jerry Jaworski, Member,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dana Ketchen, Selectboard Representative,** \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by Kristen Austin

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on September 14, 2021