



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

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday December 11, 2012
7:00pm**

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**
 Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair
 Jay Chrystal, Member
 Jordan Bailey, Member

Absent: **Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.**

Minutes

Therry made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of the November 13, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Therry made a motion to approve the public minutes of the September 11, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting. Jay seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Therry made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of the September 11, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting. Jay seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Therry made a motion to approve the public minutes of the May 8, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting. Jay seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Ghost Rail Trail Race

Buddy said they raised \$2,282.11 from the Ghost Rail Trail Race. **Jordan** suggested for next year they should have a dedicated volunteer list. The Board agreed.

RTP Grant

Buddy said he and Amos White walked the rail trail north of Scabbard Mill Brook Road and they realized the maintenance of this area will be a little bit more daunting than they first thought. This is to upgrade 920 feet of the railroad trail. Pulling Stumps and they want to bridge the trestle. Amos White is working on a grant proposal for the trail work he will be asking for a grant in the amount of \$11,231.00. Our match for the grant project is \$2,807.00 and Amos thinks we can make that up in volunteer labor hours this is a federally funded grant through the fuel tax from non highway used fuel. Amos will be the project administrator. The only thing the Conservation Commission has to do is write up a letter of support for this project and confirm that Amos White will be the point man on this project. We will also need a completed natural heritage bureau review of

the project area. **Buddy** said he spoke with Randy Haight (Meridian Land Services) he is willing to donate his time to complete this review. Amos had taken the color photos of the area to submit with the grant application. **Buddy** said he attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012 and asked if they could also submit a letter of support to be submitted with the grant application. We will need as many letters of support as we can get. **Buddy** said if they do receive the grant construction can't start until July 1, 2013 and Amos said he feels this project will take about a week. **Jay made a motion to support Mr. White's effort to submit the grant application for the Brookline rail trail and sign any necessary paperwork that will be needed, Therry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

Lot G-6, 16 Cleveland Hill Road, use of House located on property / Discuss with Boy Scout Leaders

In attendance for this discussion Lynn Giblin, Patricia Thompson, and Clyde Ferrell Assistant Troop Master. All with Brookline Boy Scout Troop 260.

Lynn said she had visited the location and has seen the small house. She would like to know a little bit more of what the Conservation Commission would expect from the Scouts. **Buddy** said they haven't had a whole lot of discussion about the house but are trying to figure out what to do with it. They can either find someone to use and or maintain the house or do they tear it down because there isn't enough interest. They are just fishing for ideas. Do the scouts have any desire to use this? **Lynn** asked what the expectation would be from the scouts. **Buddy** whoever used it would maintain the building. The property is a little messy right now but with a little clean up it could be used for camping or meetings. **Lynn** said she is not sure that they could support the cost of the building. This seems like a pretty long term decision. **Clyde** said he agreed they could help maintain the building but maybe not financially. They would defiantly need to discuss it with the rest of the Scouts and the Scout Leaders. **Clyde** asked what the size of the lot is. **Lynn** said about 2.5 acres. **Jay** said it abuts Talbot Taylor Pond. **Therry** asked if this property is key to accessing the Talbot Taylor Preserve. **Buddy** said yes. **Jay** said he would be willing to support, on some monetary basis, the maintenance and or repairs and not expect the Boy Scouts to fund it. If at some point the repair bill is worth more than the building then of course they would at that point consider removing the building but once it's gone it's gone. If there is any interest in using the building for club activities, meetings, or Eagle Scout projects we would certainly like to know. **Buddy** said they are just fishing for ideas at this point and the Scouts were the first to come to mind. **Patricia** asked how big the Talbot Taylor Preserve is located behind this lot. **Therry** said about 30 acres. **Patricia** asked if there is any other access to the preserve. **Buddy** said yes off High View Road and corner of Taylor and Cleveland Hill Road but no parking.

Jordan suggested when the town receives the keys for this property they all meet at the building. Everyone agreed. **Lynn** said currently they meet outside in the summer because they do not have a meeting place in the summer. **Clyde** said the property was given to the Town but the question is what to do with the building. The scouts are a community service organization so you can count on the support of the Scouts.

Any further commitment they would need to discuss with the scouts and leaders. As far as how useful the building would be to the Scouts they could definitely find a use for it.

Lynn said they still haven't received a list of Eagle Scout projects. **Buddy** said they could use 4 kiosks but they will discuss it again and email you a list.

Town Report Submission

Kristen said the annual Conservation Commission report for the Town report is due by January 23, 2012.

BCC Newsletter 2013

Kristen reminded the Board that the BCC newsletter will need to be put together and be read for town meeting. **Therry** said she will do an article on the newest Member of the Commission Jordan and her family. Town meeting will be held on March 13, 2012. **Kristen** asked that the newsletter articles be submitted to her by February 22, 2013. **Therry** agreed.

Non-Public Session

Buddy made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss possible land purchases under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and immediately adjourn the meeting after. Therry seconded. Buddy voted yes. Jay voted yes. Therry voted yes and Jordan voted yes.

Buddy made a motion to come out of non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and seal the minutes. Jay seconded. Buddy voted yes, Jay voted yes, Therry voted yes and Jordan voted yes.

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Therry Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman_____

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, _____

Jordan Bailey, Member_____

Jay Chrystal, Member _____

Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2013