



**TOWN OF
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Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday November 13, 2012
7:00pm**

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**
 Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair
 Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member
 Jordan Bailey Member

Absent: **Jay Chrystal, Member, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.**

This meeting was held in the workroom.

Ghost Train Rail Trail Race

Buddy said this year's race was the biggest one yet. The Brookline Conservation Commission netted \$2,200 for railroad bed maintenance from the proceeds of this race. We have a lot of people to thank for helping this event be the success that it was this year. He would like email or mail out thank you cards or letters to the people who helped.

Buddy said N.H. Rocks at 89 Route 13 donated \$50 worth of wood for the fire pits for this event. Skilling's finished the work on that part of the railroad bed before the race. **Evan** said he went down to this area and took pictures Skilling's did a great job the trail looks nice.

Buddy said he had the email list for the volunteers there are just a few names that he is missing. **Jordan** said she would work on getting names together and Email Kristen. **Therry** said she would start working on the Thank you letter.

Buddy said that with the money they received from the race he suggests fixing the railroad bed north of Scabbard Mill Brook Road. Trees are growing up in the middle of the trail and they should come down and pull the stumps to fix that section and build a bridge by the rail road trusses. This bridge will be built strong enough for a horse to cross. **Buddy** said in order to gain access to this part of the railroad bed he would need to get in touch with the owners of 246 Route 13 and ask for permission to gain access through their property.

Minutes

Therry made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting. Buddy seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Dean Glow – Pico-Line Construction Inc. Plan for lots H-130

Dean said he had attended the last Conservation Commission meeting and discussed the conceptual plan for lot H-130 and the lot line adjustment moving Parcel B of said plan to lot H-132 (Town owned Lot). **Dean** said he is on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting and asked that the Conservation Commission send a letter stating they have no issues with this plan. **Buddy** said they will have a letter written for the Planning Board to review before the meeting. **Dean** said Valérie Maurer (Brookline Town Planner) wanted to know if the Conservation Commission had any plans to build a parking area on parcel B. **Buddy** said not at this time Parcel B will be for access to lot H-132 not parking. In the future they may add a parking area but it will be further in on the current lot H-132.

7:30pm Public Hearing –Lot G-6, 16 Cleveland Hill Road

Buddy read the public hearing notice. "Pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 36-A:5 and R.S.A 35-B:1, the Brookline Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Work Room. This hearing will be held to accept lot G-6 and allow the expenditure of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) and other associated closing fees from the Land Acquisition Fund for the expenses relate to the acquisition of a 2.9 acre lot located at 16 Cleveland Hill Road."

Buddy said this lot was bequeathed to the BCC by Mr. Flannery. The Attorney for the Heirs have sent a letter through their attorney requesting \$13,000 to cover expenses such as funeral costs, property clean up costs, attorney fee's for probate cost incurred by the family. The Conservation Commission does not currently have access to Taylor Dam this lot will make it accessible and it will be open to the public. The Town will need to maintain this property and it will be kept open to the public pursuant to RSA 35 B:1. In the future there maybe more expense incurred for clean up of this property.

Therry Made a motion to expend \$13,000 plus and legal cost incurred from the Land Acquisition fund for the acquisition of lot G-6, located at 16 Cleveland Hill Road. Evan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Evan suggested getting in touch with Lynn Giblin with the Boy Scouts to see if they were interested in using the building that is located on that lot. **Buddy** asked Kristen to send Lynn an Email to see if they are interested. **Buddy** said if they were interested in using we could put them in charge of maintaining it.

Land Use Change Tax Warrant

Buddy said at the beginning of the year we purchased 19.6 acres from John Ganos lot number B-81, 260 Route 13. The Conservation Commission did a lot line adjustment and added the 19.6 acres to Brookline's existing lot D-4. This left lot B-81 with at total of 5.133 acres, of which 3.133 acres were in current use and need to be removed from current use and in turn a land use change tax warrant was issued. **Buddy** said because this was not included in the purchasing agreement and the warrant has not been paid by Mr. Ganos. The lot owned by Mr. Ganos was shortly sold after the land use change tax warrant was issued. **Buddy** said this was not discussed between the two parties and he thought the Conservation Commission should cover this cost and at the next sale this should be agreed upon and added into the purchase and sales agreement. The Board agreed.

Therry made a motion to pay the Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$3,196 plus interest out of the land acquisition fund. Evan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Non-Public Session

Therry 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. Evan seconded. Buddy voted yes. Therry voted yes, Evan voted yes, and Jordan voted yes.

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

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

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman_____

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair,_____

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member_____

Jordan Bailey, Member_____

Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on December 11, 2012