



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

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday November 8, 2011
7:00pm**

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman (voting)**
 Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, Member (voting)
 Jay Chrystal, Member (voting)
 Tad Putney, Member Selectmen's Representative (voting)
 Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Alternate

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Meeting Start at 7:00 PM

Buddy asked Evan to vote in the vacant spot for this meeting. **Evan** agreed.

Lynn Giblin – Eagle Scout Projects

Lynn said she thinks the Conservation projects make great Eagle Scout projects. She has been getting the sense that people don't know what the boys can and cannot do. The approval process for Eagle Scout projects was a lot easier 5-7 years ago. Now they are expected to work more like project managers in a company for every project. It may take them about 6 months to decide what to do, about 4-5 months to complete a 15-20 page write up about the project, and it takes about 2 months to get the project approved by the Eagle Scout Board. The project used to range from \$400 to \$500 dollars and now due to material costs and the economy these projects are ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,300. Some places will sell the material at wholesale costs which is a big help but now it may take a couple of fundraisers to come up with the money to complete the project. It took 4 car washes to come up with the funding to build the message board at the Town Hall that was just completed a month ago. So when a scout looks to the Conservation Commission for a project it may take a year for this project to get approved and started. You will also need to be specific about what you are looking for at the start the Scouts cannot make changes half way through the process. When the Project is approved by the Eagle Scout Board that is all the Scout is responsible for. Some Scouts have said the Conservation Commission is hard to work for and they have stopped coming to you for projects. Some of the issues that they have had in the past are suggested changes made at the end of a project that something else should have been done. Maybe add a compliment at the end of the project instead of suggesting what should have been done. This is a lot of work for these kids and they should help them succeed. She thinks that if everyone understands how the kids come up with the projects, what is involved now, and how long it takes to do the paperwork to get approval it will be in everyone's best interest. The kids work very hard and it would be great to help them be successful on their projects.

Therry thanked Lynn for the information. **Tad** said the average time frame is a year to get the project started if approved. **Lynn** said yes. **Tad** said the projects have been a huge help. **Lynn** said if you have a list of projects that you could email me that would be great, a few Eagle Scouts will be looking for a new project in the next few months. **Therry** said they will start a list and email it to her. **Therry** said they really appreciate what the Scouts do for the Town.

Milfoil Treatment in 2012 – Lake Potanipo and Melendy Pond

Jay said they have had two bids for Milfoil treatment. Lycott Environmental, Inc. sent in a bid for the Lake treatment for \$10,211 and Aquatic Controls Technology, Inc. bid \$8,900. The Melendy Pond Bid for Milfoil treatment came in at \$6,891 from Lycott Environmental, Inc. and Aquatic Controls Technology, Inc. bid \$6,375. **Jay** said they should also get a grant for about \$8,900. Amy Smagula from DES has already filled out the grant application. **Tad made a motion to allow Aquatic Controls Technology, Inc. to do the milfoil treatment for Lake Potanipo and Melendy Pond in 2012. Therry Seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

Ghost Rail Trail Race

Buddy said they have raised about \$700 at the race on October.

Take a Hike with the Conservation Commission.

Buddy said he would also like to remind everyone that the BCC hike is scheduled for November 20, 2011 at 11:30am at the property located across the street from Bohanon Bridge Road.

Conservation Land Presentation to the Board of Selectmen

Jay said at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting he attended, one of the selectmen asked if the Conservation commission was at the 25% goal yet and are the wetlands included in that total. He couldn't answer all the questions off the top of his head and said he would be more than happy to pull together the information and make a presentation on November 21, 2011. Anyone from the Conservation Commission is welcome to join me. **Tad** said it is a great time to bring members of the Board of Selectmen up to speed. He would like the Selectmen to be on board with the Conservation Commission. **Evan** volunteered to take pictures of some of the properties owned by the town for the presentation.

Tree cutting on the rail road bed north of Scabbard Mill Brook Road

Buddy said he walked up from Scabbard Mill Brook Road toward Palmer Preserve and would like to cut trees again along the rail road bed. The last time they cut about 2,700 feet at the north end toward the Palmer preserve. This time 99% of the work will need to be south of the trusses toward Scabbard Mill Brook Road. It will be awhile before they can start but they need a plan to do so.

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Jay moved to approve the Non-public minutes of September 23, 2011. **Tad** seconded. **Vote yes 3-0.**

Therry moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011 both public and non-public as amended. **Vote yes 4-0.**

8:30 pm Non-public

Jay moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) for the purpose of discussing a possible land acquisition and adjourn the meeting immediately after. **Therry** seconded. **Vote yes** by roll call **Therry, Tad, Jay, Evan, and Buddy** all voted yes.

Jay moved to come out of Non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) and seal the minutes and adjourn the meeting immediately after. Therry seconded. Vote by roll call. Therry, Tad, Jay, Evan, and Buddy all voted yes.

Therry made a motion to adjourn at 8:55. Tad seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman _____

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair _____

Tad Putney, Member Selectmen's Representative _____

Jay Chrystal, Member _____

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on December 13, 2011