



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

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Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday September 13, 2011
7:00pm

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

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Member & Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Meeting Start at 7:00 PM

The Board read the mail.

Minutes

Therry moved to approve the public and non-public minutes of August 9, 2011 as amended. Tad Seconded. Vote 3-0.

Trail Maps

Buddy said he has reviewed the trail maps Eric started. All trails listed for the Hobart Fessenden area are complete. **Tad** asked what maps are missing trails. **Buddy** said Whitcomb is missing all trails and Palmer is missing a couple of trails. **Evan** volunteered to GPS some of the missing trails.

Lot E-23-9, Conneck Road (Parodi Lot) - site walk

Buddy said he and Evan were in attendance for the site walk. They picked out a couple of good spots for the parking area and would like to schedule another walk so a quorum can make a decision. The Board scheduled another Site walk for the Parodi lot E-23-9 on Saturday September, 17th, 2011 at 8:00am.

Public Hearing for the purchase of lot H-132, 10.4 acres off Sargent Road.

Buddy opened the Public hearing.

In attendance for this hearing was Jerry Farwell (Bohanon Bridge Road), Bill Lively (Kecy Road), and Eric and Nancy Hahn (Kecy Road)

Buddy read the public hearing notice:

"Pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 36-A:5, the Brookline Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 13, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall in the Meeting Room. The hearing will consider the use of the Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase of Tax

Map H-132 for the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000). Lot H-132 consists of 10.4 acres located off Sargent Road.”

Bill Lively asked how many acres were included in this purchase. **Buddy** said there are 10.4 acres. **Jerry** asked if the Commission had this lot appraised, or any property appraised in the last six months. \$13,000 an acre is ridiculous in this economy. \$60,000 would still be way too much to offer for this lot. **Buddy** said this could be subdivided into three building lots but more important to the Commission is this is also a key piece of connecting land that can connect the trails in the Rocky Pond Road area and to the trail system in Hollis. **Tad** said this also has to do with two open space lots so they are not just getting 10.4 acres. **Bill** asked if they were going to receive any income from this lot. **Tad** said not yet but we have a plan to log town property. **Jerry** said he would highly recommend getting this property appraised before paying 130,000 for this lot. **Buddy** said they will not be getting it appraised. He said he would rather pay a little more and own this lot than to wait and miss the opportunity to get this lot. **Tad** said he is comfortable with this price it's the last piece between Route 130 and Rocky Pond Road. There is a premium due to the connectivity of this lot. **Eric** said when he was on the Conservation Commission Hobart Hill was being established and he wanted to get approval from Beaver Brook to connect to their trail and never had the opportunity to do so. They do not want snowmobiles on their trails but for this property he believes they spoke about no mountain bikes and dirt bikes in Brookline. **Buddy** said he thought the BCC had rescinded the no mountain bike rule for Hobart Hill area. **Eric** said you may have to change it back if you want to connect to Beaver Brook trails. Changing the charter of the Hobart trails could be a problem. **Eric** said he pays \$20 a year for a non-resident parking pass in Deering NH would the Board consider charging for parking. The Board agreed they didn't want to charge for parking. That would create too many liability issues.

Therry made a moved to purchase lot H-132 consisting of 10.4 acres located off Sargent Road for \$130,000 to be taken from the Land Acquisition Fund. Tad Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Planning Board – Policies

Tad said we will volunteer to help the Planning Board to review and amend the wording in the Subdivision Regulations for open space developments. The Conservation Commission would like wording that would have the open space lot deeded over to the town at the start of a project and not when completed. The Board agreed.

Budget 2012

The Board discussed the budget and agreed to submit the following amounts.

Maintenance of Conservation Lands \$2,000

Conferences \$100

Memberships \$350

Town Beautification \$1

Postage & Public Information \$250

Outside Consulting \$1

Reference/Resource Materials \$1

Water Sampling \$1,500

Water Sampling Equipment \$25

Invasive Species Control / Lake Host \$2,400. Board will need final answer from Jw Brooks for Lake Host Program.

Taylor Dam Yearly Fee \$400

Purchasing Policy Discussion

Buddy said the Boards have done a commendable job at getting the best prices for the Town when something needs to be purchased and now the Board of Selectman are looking into a purchasing policy. **Tad** said it will not have much of an impact on the Conservation Commission because of the total amount of the purchase if you look at our budget we don't spend over \$5,000 at a time. He also doesn't think that land purchases would apply for this policy. **Evan** said this is the first draft that the Board is still working on. **Tad** said correct and we also don't have someone to implement this either. **Buddy** said if someone is volunteering their time and the town is asking them to find three prices and go with the best one. He thinks everyone goes with the best price now. **Therry** asked of this would be applied to land purchase also. **Tad** said he didn't think it would apply.

8:30 pm Non-public

Therry 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. Tad Seconded. Vote yes by roll call Therry, Tad, and Buddy all voted yes.

Therry 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. Tad Seconded. Vote by roll call. Therry, Tad, and Buddy all voted yes.

Therry made a motion to adjourn at 8:55. Tad Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman _____

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair _____

Tad Putney, Member Selectmen's Representative _____

**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on October 11, 2011**