



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

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

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**
 Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair (Left at 8:35)
 Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member
 Jay Chrystal, Member (arrived at 8:55)

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

2013 Proposed Budget

The Board discussed the proposed 2013 budget. They agreed on the following:

\$2,000 for Maintenance of Conservation Lands

\$120 for Conference = \$60 per person for a conference.

\$565 for memberships = BCC has two membership fees NHACC every year for \$265 and NH Lakes Association for \$300 every year.

\$250 for Postage and Publications = hoping to have some trail maps ready to print for the town and also for making signs for the Kiosks and trails.

\$1,500 for water sampling

\$25 for water sampling equipment

\$2,500 for Invasive species Control – Lake Host

\$400 for the Taylor Dam fee – Yearly expense to State of NH for Taylor Dam, billed in October of each year.

This information will be emailed to the Town Administrator on Wednesday and the Conservation Commission will be on the schedule for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 1, 2012 at 7:10pm for discussion.

Trail Work

Buddy said the Town Administrator, Tad Putney, received a call from a mountain bike club and they said there is granting opportunity through the state for trail work associated with mountain bike clubs.

Buddy said Amos White offered to help also.

Evan said he was going to cut back the Cider Mill Trail; it is really overgrown. **Buddy** said Paul Cambray (Sargent Road) has also offered to help on that trail. **Evan** said he would try to get in touch with him.

Beaver Dam Policy Discussion

Buddy said they had discussed this a few years ago but never created an official policy. The wording Jay had come up with at a previous meeting was "The Conservation Commission will allow people to present a case if the water affects health, is flooding a basement, encroaches a septic, leach field, or well, encroaches

a driveway, or affects any engineered drainage (storm drain, culverts, swales, or detention ponds). The Conservation Commission would then decide if action needs to be taken or not. Under no circumstances will the Conservation Commission rebuild or replace a dam.”

Buddy suggested that the phrase “Conservation Commission controlled land” should be added to that policy.

The Board agreed. **Therry** Read the Brookline Beaver Dam Policy with the added wording.

Beaver Dam Policy

The Conservation Commission will allow people to present a case if the water affects health, is flooding a basement, encroaches a septic, leach field, or well, encroaches a driveway, or affects any engineered drainage (storm drain, culverts, swales, or detention ponds). The beaver dam must be on property controlled by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission would then decide if action needs to be taken or not. Under no circumstances will the Conservation Commission rebuild or replace a dam.

Therry made a motion to adopt the Beaver Dam Policy outlined in the September 11, 2012 minutes. Evan Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Milfoil Treatment at Lake Potanipo

Buddy said they will be treating for Milfoil at Lake Potanipo on Monday September 17, 2012.

Lake Host Coordinator

Buddy said they are looking for a Lake Host Coordinator for next year. JW Brooks and his wife have opened a new business and they do not have a lot of spare time at the moment. Maybe we could put something in the paper under volunteer opportunities.

Evan asked what the job entails. **Buddy** said they create the schedule for the paid lake host's to work, do the paperwork for the State, and payroll. It runs from Memorial Day weekend in May to Labor Day Weekend in September.

PSNH Easement

Buddy said about a year ago PSNH approached the Conservation Commission about the easement and the BCC waived it off to the Board of Selectmen thinking they should sign be the ones to sign an easement over town land. The Selectmen and PSNH have finally reached an agreement. PSNH will pay \$400 a year for the easement and they agreed to pay the back 8 years they have been using the property without an easement.

Buddy said he asked if the BCC could use the back payment of \$3,200 to do some trail work where the easement covers and the Board of Selectmen said it was going into the general fund. So is the \$400 yearly fee.

General Business

Review Proposed Lot Line Adjustment case # 2012.3:B-46,B47

Buddy said the Planning Board would like to know if the BCC has any issues with this proposed lot line adjustment. The Board reviewed the plan and agreed there were no issues. **Buddy** said they had an issue with stumps that were moved onto Town property last year as long as the stumps have been taken care of and moved back onto this lot or removed completely he see's no issues. The Board 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. Therry voted yes and Evan voted yes.

Therry left at 8:35 pm.
Jay arrived at 8:55 pm.

Jay 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, Evan voted yes, and Jay voted yes.

Evan made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Jay Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

**Submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on October 09, 2012**

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Policy approved by the Board on September 11, 2012.