



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

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday February 12, 2013
7:00pm**

Present: **Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman**
 Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair
 Jay Chrystal, Member
 Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member
 Tad Putney, Town Administrator

Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC)

In attendance for this discussion Matt Waitkins from NRPC.

Matt brought a map with all the Brookline trails on it. They reviewed the map and decided to take all the snowmobile trails off the map. Some of the Snowmobile trails are for winter use only and go across private property. The Board would like this map to be a 4 season town owned trail map. They also discussed how the maps would be handed out and printed. They discussed creating a PDF document and a downloadable file.

Buddy said he would also like to be able to have 8x11 letter size maps at the trail heads so people could grab a copy before heading down the trail. Before the next meeting with Matt, the Board agreed to GPS the area of Iron Works Lane. **Jay** said he would find the GPS file for the Whitcomb-Bross area and email it to Matt at NRPC. They will label all the trails once the map has been updated and no trails are missing. They would also like to label the John Livingston Memorial area, the rookery, areas people will see along the trails and parking areas. **Matt** said hopefully we can have this done by spring if we just keep working at it. **Matt** said they will also need to update Granit (www.nhgranit.unh.edu) with the Conservation areas in Town. He and Kristen have been working on a map of Town owned Conservation land and when that is finished he will get into contact with Granit.

Newsletter

Therry said she would like the entire article by February 22, 2013 for review before Kristen puts the newsletter together. **Therry** will call Buddy on February 18, 2013 for his article. **Therry** asked Evan, Jay, and Tad if they would also send her articles for the newsletter.

BCC Membership Terms

Therry's and Jay's Conservation Commission term will be ending March of 2013. **Jay** said he will sign up for another three year term. **Therry** said she has a lot on her plate and didn't want to sign up for another three year term. **Therry** said she would still like to help with the newsletters and any newspaper releases that the Board

would like to do in the future. The Board convinced Therry to stay on as an Alternate for another three years and Therry agreed.

Buddy made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Jay Chrystal be appointed as a full Member and Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt to be appointed as an Alternate of the Conservation Commission both terms to expire in March of 2016. Therry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Town Forest Designation

Jay said the Conservation Commission should add this to the agenda and look into Town forest dedication and the RSAs. He believes if they are going to start logging town property they will need to designate the areas as Town Forests. This will allow us to open a separate account to put any money made from the logging. He believe that the only way to release the money from that account would be a vote at town meeting but we could purchase anything with the proceeds, land or a cruiser for the police. It just needs to be voted on at town meeting. **Tad** asked what land they were thinking of to designate as a Town Forest. **Jay** said all four of the large areas: Whitcomb-Bross, Hobart-Fessenden, Bartell, and Melendy-Morrill. **Tad** said he thought the Selectmen would be concerned with future use of these lots after they officially make these areas into Town Forests.

Jay said they really need to look into it further. Maybe a subcommittee should be formed within the Conservation Commission to research this. **Buddy** said he will check with the ROST members and see if they have any comments.

Release Non-Public Minutes

The Board reviewed non-public minutes. Buddy said the Non-Public minutes from October 12, 2010, September 23, 2011, and October 10, 2011 include the properties purchased Lot B-81, E-9-23, B-11, and B-11-1.

Therry made a motion to release the non-public minutes dated October 12, 2010, September 23, 2011, and October 10, 2011 of the Conservation Commission. Evan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Minutes

Jay moved to accept the minutes of January 8, 2013 both public and non-public of the Conservation Commission as written. Evan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Non-Public

The Board invited Tad Putney to stay for the Non-public Session.

Jay 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 Evan voted yes.

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

Therry left at 8:50.

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Evan Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, _____

Jay Chrystal, Member, _____

Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, _____

Submitted by Kristen Austin
Next meeting will be held on March 12, 2013