



## BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### Minutes

### Conservation Commission

Tuesday August 13, 2013

7:00pm

**Present:** Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman  
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman  
Jordan Bailey, Member  
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative

**Absent:** Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

#### Mail

**Buddy** said they received a letter in the mail from the NH DOT stating they will be replacing all the culverts on Route 130 and resetting grates in the near future. **Jay** said they don't have a start date in the letter.

#### Meeting procedure update

**Buddy** announced to the audience that there is a new procedure at the meetings. They now have the ability to switch the cameras to the audience when someone is speaking by pressing the button attached to the meeting room table. **Buddy** said one member of the Board will be in charge of switching the cameras.

#### Minutes

**Brendan** made a motion to approve the public and non public minutes of the July 9, 2013 conservation commission meeting. **Jordan** seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

**Jay** made a motion to approve the public and non public minutes of the May 13, 2013 conservation commission meeting. **Jordan** seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

#### Christian Santoski – Eagle Scout Project – Cider Mill Pond

In attendance for this discussion Christian Santoski (Eagle Scout/ Brookline Resident). Lynn Giblin and Michael Santoski.

**Christian** said he is working on the Eagle Scout project at the Cider Mill Pond Trail Head. He plans to build a parking lot, a kiosk, and a sign. He thanked the board for having the grass cut before he started his project. He found out that he will not need a building permit because this project is located on a state road. He will not need approval from the Planning Board. The only restriction is the sign has to be 50 feet off the road. He will use telephone poles to build the sign. He will use reclaimed timbers, provided by Buddy

Dougherty, to build the parking lot. He asked the Board how they wanted the kiosk positioned. **Buddy** said at an angle towards the trail head not facing the road. **Christian** said the parking lot will require 8 posts positioned 6 feet apart. The posts are 7 feet tall; 3 feet will be below ground and 4 feet above ground to mark the parking areas. He will have 6 parking spaces. **Christian** said the sign will be 3 feet high and 4 feet long. He asked the Board how they would like it worded. The Board agreed the sign should read:

Cider Mill Pond  
Trail Head  
Brookline NH  
Conservation Commission

**Buddy** said it should also state that this is part of the Hobart Fessenden Woods which could be added to the kiosk. **Jordan** asked if they should add the year to the sign. **Buddy** said that can also be added to the kiosk. **Jay** said the simpler the sign the better. They can add the information about this project to the kiosk. **Michael** said he wanted to film this project to be aired on the Brookline cable channel. **Buddy** said that would be great. He would also like to put the presentation from tonight on cable if that is ok. **Christian** agreed.

**Brendan made a motion to use the sign laid out on the sign blue print page of Christians Eagle Scout project plan package which reads:**

Cider Mill Pond  
Trail Head  
Brookline NH  
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**Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

**Michael** asked the Board what color they wanted the letters to be. **Jay** said white letters with a dark back ground. That would be the easiest to see from the road.

**Christian** explained the sign posts will consist of two telephone poles the vertical pole is 16 feet long and the horizontal pole is 7' 6" long. On either side of the vertical pole a right angle will be made. The sign will be 9' 6" off the ground. A 6' pole with a notch or indent extends 12" on the side 6" from top of the vertical post. The indent is needed for the horizontal pole to fit into the vertical pole. This sign will balance itself out. The actual sign will be 3' high by 4' long. It will hang 6" from horizontal post, 6" from the vertical post, and 5' from the ground.

**Christian** said the plan forward is approval from the Conservation Commission and then meet with the Eagle Scout Board for approval in September. **Christian** asked if the Road Department could upgrade the area and put down gravel to define the parking area similar to the Beaver Brook parking area on Route 130 in Hollis. If not could the sand and gravel reclaimed by the road sweeper be used in the spring. **Buddy** said they used reclaimed gravel from the sweeper at the Bartell trail head a few years ago and they have a huge amount of Japanese knot weed in that location so he doesn't think that is the best idea. **Jay** said they could top dress it with 6 inched of crushed gravel that shouldn't cost too much. **Christian** said the parking area is about 50 feet by 100 feet. **Jay** said the Conservation Commission could pay for that if it can't be donated.

**Brendan** said with the amount of work that's about to be done we could at least fund that. **Buddy** told **Christian** to make some calls to see if it can be donated first. **Jay** said he can get a truck to delivery it. **Lynn** asked if **Christian** can not get the material for the parking area donated would the Conservation Commission be willing to fund it. **Jay** said yes they will they will vote on it before the discussion is over. **Jordan** said it would be a nice finishing touch. **Brendan made a motion to accept this Eagle Scout project to be signed by the Chairman of the Board when the written plan is completed. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

**Jay** told **Christian** he will need to look into getting 1 ½" crushed gravel or rap for the parking lot. **Jay** will provide a truck for transportation. He will also need to look into who will spread it. He suggested **Christian** call Granite State Concrete and speak with Joe. Figure on 20 yards just to be safe. A full donation would be

great but if you can only get a partial donation the Commission will pay the rest. You will need to stake off the parking area before it is delivered. **Jay made a motion to provided funds not to exceed \$500 for the excavation and material to complete the parking lot at Cider Mill Pond. Brendan seconded. Vote yes 5-0.**

### **Camp Flannery (16 Cleveland Hill Road) – Eagle Scout Project – Zan Aslett**

In attendance for this discussion are Zan Aslett (Eagle Scout with troop 654) and his father Zan Aslett both of Brookline.

**Buddy** said Amos White called him and said Zan Aslett, an Eagle Scout, has just moved to Brookline. He is looking for a project so he thought maybe they could get something done with the Flannery property.

**Buddy** said his idea for the Flannery property would be to make it a camping area for scouts and call it Camp Flannery. All the locks have been changed. One key opens the lock for the building and the gate. If the Scouts wanted to spend the night at this location they would just need to call maybe reserve the night and get a key. **Zan** said he is with Troop 654 and he would like to make a plan of future for other scouts. He would clean up the property. He would like to set up an information board that explains who owned it and the history of the property. **Jay** said your idea is to clean up the area so it is usable and then lay out long term Eagle Scout projects for that area. **Zan** said correct. **Jordan** said make Camp Flannery an Eagle Scout supported project but open to all. **Buddy** said yes. **Jay** said Scouts would hold priority but why other groups could use it also explorers, 4H clubs, Girls scouts, they would just have to sign up for it. **Buddy** said he doesn't want it to become a camp ground. **Jay** said they would need to have certain rules to follow. The Board agreed this is a great plan.

### **Trail Map – Trail Names**

**Buddy** had a map with all the trail names on it and asked that Kristen to pass this information along to Matt from Nashua Regional Planning Commission so they can be added to the new trail map.

**Jordan** said she spoke to Andrew Bigelow (part of the Ghost Train Race) and told him about the trail maps that they had just finished. He made 660 11x17 copies of the map and donated them to the Conservation Commission. The Board agreed to send along a thank you note.

### **Water Testing**

**Jay** said that both Melendy Pond and Lake Potanipo tested a little high for phosphorus. That could be because we treated for milfoil. Lancey Brook is still testing high for e coli . The e coli results were 140 counts. 86 counts would close a public beach. **Jay** said they do go upstream to get water samples it could have something to do with the Field and Stream camp ground. We should do some dye testing to narrow down where this could be coming from. **Brendan** asked if they could test again around the camp. **Jay** said yes they could pull samples from above the camp and below the camp. We will get 4 or 5 more water samples for testing.

### **Rail Road Reconstruction Project Update**

**Buddy** said Amos White gained access to the rail road bed through 254 Route 13. He has trimmed the trail. They are now waiting on the loggers to pull a few trees down. **Jay** said they can put the logs on town property by the road. **Buddy** said they are trying to keep the mess down to a minimum. **Jordan** asked if Buddy was taking picture of this project. **Buddy** said he is.

### **National Parks Service – Lelia Mellen**

**Buddy** said Lelia from the National Parks Service will be meeting him behind the Sunoco Station. She will be trying to help the Board decide what to do with this property. If anyone wants to join us we will be meeting on August 20 at about 4:00pm behind the Sunoco station at 75 Route 13.

**Lake Host Management**

**Buddy** said he spoke to the Recreation Commission and asked if they would be interested in running the Lake Host program next year. The grove is located at the same location it only made sense. **Buddy** thought they seemed interested and said they would get back to him. **Brendan** said that makes sense if they are willing to do it.

**Milfoil Update**

**Buddy** said Amy Smagula had told him the treatment this spring worked well and didn't think we need to treat again. **Buddy** said he would like to treat and keep it under control. **Jay** said Marc at Aquatic Controls said two treatments this year was a good idea. **Buddy** said he will speak to Amy again.

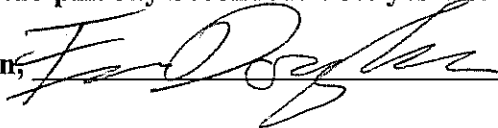
**Non-Public Session**

**Brendan** made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss possible land purchases under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) matters if which discussed in public could adversely affect the reputation of any person and immediately adjourn after. **Jordan** seconded. **Buddy**, **Jordan**, and **Brendan** all voted yes.

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

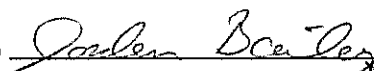
**Jordan** made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. **Jay** Seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_




**Jay** Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, Member, \_\_\_\_\_

**Jordan** Bailey, Member, \_\_\_\_\_



**Brendan** Denchy, Selectboard Representative \_\_\_\_\_



Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on September 10, 2013