



**Town of
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Conservation Commission

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**Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
7:00pm**

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

Absent: Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

Minutes

Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 both Public and non-public as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Jeff Littleton – Moosewood Ecological LLC

In attendance for this discussion Jeff Littleton with Moosewood Ecological and Tad Putney Town Administrator.

Jeff said they have been focusing on reptile and amphibian studies and samples. They have found five vernal pools. They have not run across any cellar holes as the Board had asked that they keep an eye out for. They have also been habitat mapping. A bird survey and a plant survey will start this month. The trails system in this area is great. They are just now finishing up the wetlands survey. He has one question about a bat survey it is not included in the original contract and he would like to know if the Board is interested in adding this survey to it. It would cost about \$1,000. The Board agreed that was not necessary at this time. **Jeff** said they are on target to finish all studies in June. **Drew** asked if Jeff had seen anything that would make him think they should do a bat survey. Jeff said Emily from Fish and Game said there could be a possibility of a find in this area. **Jeff** said he will ask about the probability and get back to the Board. **Jeff** said he did find Black Gum in one of the vernal pools. Not enough to call it a Black Gum Pool. **Drew** asked if he was mapping the vernal pools. **Jeff** said he is. **Jeff** also said it is the height of the turtle egg laying season. The Board thanked Jeff for the update and the next scheduled meeting with him will be determined at a later date.

Milner Wallace Memorial Trust

Tad Putney said the Board has money set aside in the Milner Wallace Memorial Trust that was given to the Conservation Commission to plant trees. Currently there is \$1,766.74 in this fund. The Facilities

Committee is looking into improving the Town Hall entrance out behind the building where the Town Clerk is located now. Some bids have come in for around \$4,000 for this improvement project. He was wondering if the Board would like to use some of that money toward this project. **Buddy** said they could use that money to improve Cider Mill Trail Head Parking area and the Bartell Palmer Parking area. Brendan asked if the Improvement to the Town Hall entrance landscaping been set yet. **Tad** said they have two detailed plans. **Brendan** said they are also coming up on the 50th anniversary of the Conservation Commission being established in Town. They could do some kind of memorial planting with that money. The Board agreed that they could use that money elsewhere. **Jordan** said the Lilac and Flower Commission has flowers for town use at no cost. **Tad** said he would look into that.

Kinder Morgan Public Meeting

The Board discussed what questions should be asked at the public forum. They agreed upon the following:

1. You have estimated the pipeline will result in just over \$440,000 in tax revenue to Brookline annually. Please explain the basis for this figure. Does it assume a 36-inch pipeline at full capacity, whereby we would expect the figure to be cut substantially should the size be reduced to 30-inches or if it runs at only 50% capacity?
2. Hutchinson Hill Road is not a paved or maintained road yet is it expected that logging trucks will continue to use it in the future. What would be done during construction to ensure that the pipe under such a road will withstand the weight of such trucks there or elsewhere?
3. For a 36-inch, class I pipeline with approximately 1,400 psi, what's it's the "potential impact radius" (also referred to as the "incineration zone" by some)?
4. In areas deemed environmentally sensitive by a qualified consultant, can the easement width (both temporary and permanent) be reduced and can different construction techniques be mandated?
5. One concern is the potential future use of the pipeline for a substance other than dry natural gas- such as oil. Will you agree to use easement language that limits the use of the pipeline to "dry natural gas" so a switch in the future is not permissible under the easement language?
6. You use the term "co-locate". For the pipeline. We understand trees will need to be cut outside of the currently cleared area for both temporary and permanent space. Please provide your best guess for the additional width – in feet- of trees that will need to be removed for this project.

This public meeting will be held at CSDA on Townsend Hill Road on June 10, 2015.

Beaver Dam Stickney Brook update

Tom said the Homeowner on Stickney Brook they had spoken with last year about the beaver activity behind her house had stopped him again and stated they are building again this year and the water is rising so much it is now impeding the area that the Board would be constructing the new trail off Oak Hill Road to access the rail road bed. **Buddy** said they will have to get the material and build a beaver box. Tom offered to help.

Jeeps accessing the trails –Melendy Morrill Land

Buddy said they are having an issue with Jeeps accessing the trails from Hood Road, Old Milford Road and Birch Hill Road. **Buddy** said Amos White is suggesting that they put chains up to block these trails off to vehicles. The Board suggested that they should add some bright yellow reflective paint so people will see the chain at night. The Board agreed.

Thank you letter – Buddy

Buddy said Kathy Bramley sent an email explaining that she will no longer be able to collect water samples. He would like to send a Thank You letter to Kathy for all the water testing she has done at both Lake Potanipo and Melendy Pond over the past 5 years. The Board agreed. **Buddy** said they will need to look for a volunteer to collect water samples three times a year or so. **Jay** said he would put together what is needed for water testing so they can put something on the website.

Lake Potanipo – Alewife update

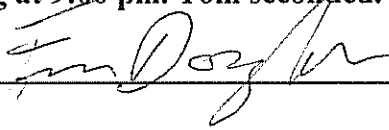
Jordan said Graduate students from UMASS Amherst will be at the Lake to study the Alewife on June 13, 2015.

Brendan made a motion to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) to discuss possible land purchases and to immediately adjourn after. **Tom** seconded. Roll call vote all in the affirmative **Buddy, Jay, Drew, Brendan, Jordan, and Tom.**

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. **Brendan** seconded. Roll call vote in the affirmative **Buddy, Jay, Drew, Brendan, Jordan, and Tom.**

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 5-0.

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Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.

Next meeting will be held on July 14, 2015

