



Town of
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Conservation Commission

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Minutes
Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
7:00pm

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative
Jordan Bailey, Member
Tom Rogers, Member

Absent: Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, Drew Kellner, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

CSDA Student Conservation Project

In attendance for this discussion: Emma Harley and Kathryn (Katie) Hersey both CSDA students.

Tom introduced Emma and Katie to the Board and explained that they are doing a project in Mr. Putman's 6th grade class called the Genius Hour Project. This project requires student to find a passion question something you can't simply google and means something to each student. They will need to research the question using different sources, such as interviews or books. Lastly, they will have to present what they have learned to the class. The girls chose the conservation trail behind CSDA. **Katie** said they need to find a project they were passionate about. **Emma** said they will need to research using sources other than Google. **Katie** said they will need to create a power point using photos and videos to present to the class. **Emma** said their passion question is about creating conservation trails. **Katie** said there is a nature trail located behind CSDA that was named after Mrs. Bond who was a Science teacher at the elementary schools. **Tom** said when he met with them they had walked this trail. The trail is incredible it has different stations along the trail that teach you about the different trees and such. They will do some trail clean up and replace the Plexiglas on the kiosk but all in all this trail is in great shape. Both of the girls are involved in Girls Scouts and have discussed getting that group involved with Conservation. These girls are great role models. As they go along in this project the BCC can be of help to them. **Katie** said they have assemblies once a month and are not sure when their presentation will be but will let Tom know.

Athletic Field Study Group

In attendance for this discussion Tad Putney, Jim Taylor & Eric Bernstein all part of the Athletic Field Study Group.

Tad said the Selectboard had chartered this committee to find where a recreational field could be constructed in town. They have come up with two potential locations, west of the Transfer Station and off Old Milford Road right after Eight Street on the right heading toward the center of town. The Transfer Station is not on Conservation land but the property located off Old Milford road is. **Tad** said they just wanted to meet with the Commission so they are aware of what is going on. He doesn't believe anything

will happen within the next year or so. **Jim** said they have a plan that list two rectangular fields. This plan was drawn up for the transfer station area. **Jim** said they would need about 2 acres for a field along with room for spectators and room for parking. The Board agreed the Transfer Station seemed like the better of the two places to put it. **Buddy** asked if they have looked into land that is not yet owned by the Town. **Tad** said that is one of the things that they still need to look into. **Tom** said currently there are a lot of trail off the Melendy Pond and area he believes the Transfer Station would be a much better fit. **Jordan** said if you can connect the parking lots around town trails and keep the town facilities together that would be great. **Tad** said they are still looking into who would use the fields and if they are even needed.

Conneek Road Bridge

Buddy said we still need to repair this bridge. Before they spend money on anything they will need to repair this bridge first. **Tom** asked how long this bridge is. **Buddy** said about 20 feet. **Jordan** said they do need to make this trail more visible.

Trail Discussion

Bartell Trail Head

Buddy said he drove by the Bartell parking lot and it was packed a few days ago. He was wondering if someone was holding an organized walking event at this location. If so it would be nice if the Conservation Commission was informed. **Jordan** said Beaver Brook holds fitness walks every now and then.

Hobart Fessenden Trails

Tom said he has flagged an area that could connect the Hobart Fessenden Woods with Beaver Brook Property. He said he spoke with Drew and Peter Smith the Natural Resource Director is on board with this trail connection. They do not want motorized vehicle on their trails still but they are ok with connecting. The goal is over the winter to work on this trail and cut it in for the spring. They will also need a bridge for the wet area.

Cider Mill Pond Trail

Tom said Kevin Majeski with the Brookline IceBreakers taped out a trail from Cider Mill Pond to lot H-75 that would reroute the existing trail. **Jordan** asked if they were looking to cut in this trail this fall. **Tom** said yes.

Camp Flannery Use Policy

The Board agreed to come up with wording before next meeting to discuss.

Riverside Trail Project (Behind Sunoco, 75 Route 13)

Buddy said there will be a hike with Lelia from National Park Service on Friday November 20th at 10:00 am. Drew, Jordan, and Brendan will be attending on Jordan said it will be nice to find out what they have been granted for this project.

Buddy said Randy Haight had suggested that they contact DES and give them a heads up about this project in case they had any input.

Ghost Train

Buddy said this year we have received \$8,089.04 from the Ghost Train Rail Race.

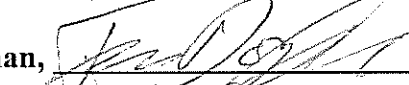
Jordan said they ended up with plenty of parking this year. They would like the race to start in Brookline every year instead of switching back and forth ever year. They should announce somewhere in advance what will be provided for the runners such as breakfast, bagels, donuts, coffee, water, etc. so they can be prepared with other things they may want.


Non-Public

Buddy made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 (e) for legal purposes and immediately adjourn. Tom seconded. Roll call vote Brendan said yes, Buddy said yes, Tom said yes, and Jordan said yes.

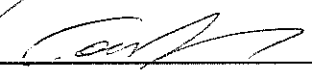
Jordan made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Tom seconded. Roll call vote Tom said yes, Brendan said yes, Buddy said yes, and Jordan said yes.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman,  _____

Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Rep.,  _____

Jordan Bailey, Member,  _____

Tom Rogers, Member,  _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin.
Next meeting will be held on December 8, 2015

