



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on February 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers, Phil Simeone, Rob Rubendall

Alternate members present: Joe Desruisseaux, Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, Del Friedman

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget Update – Drouin reported the results of the Town budget discussions.
- Conservation Award – Lefebvre explained the timeline for implementing this new award. Commission members offered suggestions that were included in the timeline.
- Jeff Littleton Watershed Presentation – the feedback for the presentation has been very positive.
- Moonlight Walk – the weather was cloudy and the grounds were wet. The small number who attended enjoyed the walk.
- Merrimack Conservation Project – Dickler shared copies of draft conservation signs that the Merrimack Conservation Project will provide for Mattabesek. Some small changes were suggested. These signs will be available to put at Mattabesek in the spring.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – Drouin reported that the Tetreault kiosk will be ready in early spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Conservation Commission Goals, Plans, Needs – The Commission reviewed last year's project list and updated it with the 2025 plans. Lefebvre will update the plan with changes that will be discussed at the next meeting.
- NH Charitable Foundation, Amy Sandback Fund – The report from the foundation indicates that the Commission will receive \$405.84 from the fund set-up for the Sandback preserve.

Dickler motioned and Simeone seconded to go into non-public session. Commissioners were polled and all members approved.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91-A:3 – REAL ESTATE

Desruisseaux motioned and Rubendall seconded to leave the Non-public session. Commission members were polled and all approved.

Mellor motioned and Rogers seconded to seal the Minutes of this Non-Public meeting. Commissioners were polled and all approved.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- NHDES 2024-00049 Forestry Statutory Notification, Map 6 Lot 34-2 & 3 Stearns-Lamont. Reviewed by the Commission.

- NHDES 2023-02948 Shoreland Permit Application, 26 Lachance Dr., A-Z Trust. The DES notice indicated more information was needed from the applicant. Reviewed by the Commission.
- Zoning Board Application, Map 5 Lot 25, 16 Quimby Rd, James and Lisa Trauwein. The Commission met with the Trautweins who explained their project and why they were applying for a variance. The Commission reviewed the application and Drouin will draft a positive response.

Announcements/Reminders

- Worcester cyclists Tetreault camping – Feb. 24-25
- Camp Wildwood summer plans – teen program and family camping only this year.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for January 25, 2024

Simeone motioned and Mellor seconded to approve the Jan 25, 2024 Minutes. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Rubendall abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 22, 2024

Schedule of 2024 Meetings: Feb. 22, Mar. 11 & 28, April 8 & 25, May 13 & 23,
June 10 & 27, July 8 & 25, Aug. 12 & 22, Sept. 9 & 26, Oct. 14 & 24, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 2024.

And any other business that comes before the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by AI Lefebvre