



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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DRAFT Minutes for Meeting on March 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 6:30 pm

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

Alternate members present: Joe Desruisseaux, Deni Dickler

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Cabin update – Awaiting contractor feedback for electrical and septic work for the Tetreault cabin.
- 2024 RCC Projects/Work Schedule – The Commission reviewed the work projects and made minor additional work at Hunt and Contoocook. The final list will be posted on the website and shared with Conservation Corps members.
- 2024 Finalize RCC Calendar- The Commission's calendar was approved and will be put on the website and items for news will be prepared by Dickler at appropriate times.
- Kiosk update – Lefebvre shared with the Commission a spreadsheet listing data about each conservation land kiosk; included with the spreadsheet were pictures of each kiosk. Concerns for each kiosk and improvements that are needed were listed on the spreadsheet. Lefebvre will develop another spreadsheet that outlines basic use guidelines that will be discussed at the next meeting. The latter spreadsheet will be used to develop common signs to post on each kiosk but may be modified depending on the conservation land.
- Map update – Lefebvre reported that he had begun gathering ideas for conservation trail maps for printing and posting at conservation lands. Developing one form with all maps on one handout was posing a problem and he recommended individual maps of each conservation land with possibly another map for general availability showing town locations of these areas and general information. He was interested in possible assistance from a Corps member to assist with using appropriate computer applications to develop the maps. Dickler and Lefebvre will meet to develop needs with a Corps member or someone else.
- Zoning Violation Status – Drouin reported on the discussion at the Selectman's meeting on Van Dyke, Knight's Lane and Lord Brook Road zoning violations. (See below for Van Dyke Goddard Road status.) Drouin and Mellor will meet with the Code Enforcement Officer to view the Lord Brook Road violation.
- Monitoring of conservation lands – The recent storm caused many trees and limbs to fall blocking trails on these lands. Three Corps members reported on the status of Converse Meadow and the Ford Family Wildlife Preserve. Converse trails were open but many limbs had fallen but these had not obstructed the trails very much; many trees had been bent over. The Ford area had a tree down by the Mc Phie bench and the Corps member cut it up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Taking Action for Wildlife –(<https://www.takingactionforwildlife.org/resource-library/community-assistance>) Dickler mentioned this as a possible Commission activity however after discussion it was decided to wait another year.
- FPU Institute for Climate Action, Earth Day Market & Fair, April 19, 2024, (set-up at Noon) 1 – 5 pm (Library Courtyard & Academic Triangle. The Commission discussed participation in this FPU event

and decided to participate along with the town's Energy Committee. Lefebvre will inform the FU contact. Dickler will organize the Commission's table.

- Dickler reported that the Jaffrey Conservation Commission is developing an interactive map of its conservation lands for the public. She suggested that Tom Hsu, the Chair, be invited to a future meeting to explain what that commission is doing and how it may apply to Rindge. The Commission agreed.
- Drouin reported that he had received a notice from the town Finance Director about a COLA salary increase. The Commission approved the increase.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

- NH DES 2024-00641, Shoreland Permit Application, Map 12 Lot 20, Dollu Lane, Tyler De Ruosi – The notice was reviewed by the Commission.
- NH DES 2019-02768, Land Resources Management, Map 3 Lot 43, Goddard Road, Jamison Van Dyke – The Commission reviewed the notice but needed to review the actual remediation plan for the property before it can provide feedback for the Town.
- NH DES D203010, Dam Bureau, Island Pond Camp, 24 Patey Circle, Island Pond Dam, Beth Venable – The Commission reviewed the notice from DES.

Announcements/Reminders

June 8, History Alive – Downtown Hillsboro, 3D Map of Contoocook River from about 10,000 AD. Lefebvre explained this Hillsboro event and that it was recommended by CNBRLAC members. It will display a 3D map of the Contoocook River from Rindge to Hillsboro about 10,000 years ago.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for March 11, 2024

Simeone motioned and Rogers seconded to approve the March 11, 2024 Minutes. The Commission voted and approved the motion with Dickler abstaining.

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2024

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Al Lefebvre