

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
September 19, 2020**

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Jim Wilkinson, Steve Ungerer, David Treat and Brent Ebner

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 19, 2020, the motion was seconded by Mr. Treat. Vote: 4-0-1 Mr. Wilkinson abstained.

Conservation Bench

Darlene Cote was present to advise the Commission of a volunteer opportunity. She will be collecting plastic bags, etc. in order to have a bench donated by Nextrex. She has to collect 500 pounds within a certain period of time and plans on donating that bench so that can be installed on conservation land. Ms. Cote advised that she would also appear before the Board of Selectmen. Members of the community are welcome to drop off plastic bags at her home, where there will be a container for drop offs.

Maple Ave

Mr. Bruce Gilday was present to represent the Hubner Family who own lot 14/26. The parcel is narrow with 163 foot frontage. Presently they can't meet with wetland and zoning setback. The wetland area is referred to as saw mill swamp. A geologist had to conduct a study. There are rare species there. Although the blanding turtle was not seen it is expected that this is a habitat for the turtle. Mr. Gilday presented that an open box culvert would be installed to help with the turtles and amphibians. It would be installed during the low flow season. Silt fence will be used there would be at 20 foot area that would be impacted with the 6 to 7 foot wide open culvert. The impact would be approximate 2472 square feet. Organics will have to be reviewed before the culvert is installed with wingwalls. The fill for the area will not have invasive species in the material and it would be coming from a gravel yard. They would work with reputable contractors for the fill.

They are requesting approval from the Conservation Commission. This is considered a minimum impact and there are no vernal pools. A member of the Commission expressed concern about the slope. Mr. Gilday said that they would put in check dams, wood chips and crusted stone to reduce the velocity. It would be less than an 8% grade. The Commission decided to conduct a site walk of the area.

Eagle Scout project

An Eagle Scout will be making benches next summer for the east side of the conservation commission property.

Mr. Lovell said that the fields will be cut tomorrow.

Trail maps

Jim Wilkinson had maps that he has prepared for the West Road area. He showed some maps with the topo lines. The Frenches woodland has not been mapped, it is not on the trail finder either.

Moore and Randall parcels - there are blue markings everywhere. Mr. Wilkinson would like the blazing of the trails to be similar to Mr. Ebner's. It was suggested that Mr. Wilkinson work with Kevin Arlin. Mr. Ebner also said that he was concerned about sap lines that are up and bikers riding after it gets dark. Mr. Ebner asked if they wanted numbers at the junctions, it is costly but helpful. They will have the QR codes done. Mr. Ebner is still working with Plaistow. They will get the paper maps going.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A:3 II (d) land purchase. Steve Ungerer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Wilkinson -yes, Mr. Ebner – yes, Mr. Treat – yes, Mr. Ungerer - yes, Mr. Lovell – yes.

Mr. Lovell provided the Commission with an update regarding the purchase of a parcel. They also discussed and an agreement that was drafted by an abutter of the parcel in question.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to come out of non-public. Roll call: Mr. Wilkinson -yes, Mr. Ebner – yes, Mr. Treat – yes, Mr. Ungerer - yes, Mr. Lovell – yes.

Mr. Treat made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ebner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault