

Town of Brookfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Agenda – Oct 2, 2019

Commission Members: Bob Nielsen, Frank Frazier, Peter Baker, Rich Zacher (Selectman's Representative)

1. Meeting called to order
2. Public Comments
3. Review of July 3, 2019 and Sept 4, 2019 minutes
4. Mail:

a) Meredith Savings Bank Statement:

Sept 10, 2019

Interest: \$0.32 (0.13%)

Balance: \$5,429.88

5. Old Business

a. August 7th gathering at Dick & Diana Peckham's: Another great, well attended gathering of current and former CC members and spouses at Dick and Diana's lake house on Lovell Lake. Thank you, Diana and Dick, for again offering to have the CC gathering at your lake house. The boat ride, great food, and being among friends made it a most enjoyable afternoon!



b) Post hole markers for gate to Town Preserve. On Sept 16, I emailed Brad Williamson (copied to Laurie Champy and Rich Zacher) regarding the work to dig two post holes for the gate (to necessarily be on town property) to the Town Preserve hayfield from the Royal property.

"Hi Brad,

Rich Zacher suggested I mark the locations of the two post holes for the gate to be put up on the Town Preserve. The orange markers (best seen zooming in on the photo) are about 17 feet apart. I plan to put 6-inch by 6-inch posts in unless you have a better idea. Whatever you think would work best for the project. Maybe you have some old telephone poles lying around?? We want to allow foot traffic around the gate but not mechanized machines.

Thanks, Brad. Frank Frazier and I would love to get the gate up as soon as possible. Let us know if you need any help or additional information. The gate will be located just into the field coming from the Royal property which can be accessed via Cottle Hill Road."



c) NHACC Annual Meeting (Sat. Nov 2): Choose one workshop from each session. See schedule and workshops at the NHACC website. Handouts will be available at our Oct 2 meeting.

d) Sept 4 Town Preserve update public meeting presentation: This public meeting was attended by about 15 people. Frank Frazier led the discussion while Bob Nielsen produced visuals using a projector and screen. Frank did a good write-up of the evening's presentation by NH Forester Tim Nolin and UNH Cooperative Extension Educator Wendy Scribner. There was a question and answer opportunity where many good questions were posed and effectively answered. The write-up will be posted on the Brookfield Conservation Commission's page on the town website.



e) With the two new enclosed smaller bulletin boards now up on both sides of the front door to the Town Office Building, the larger old one is now

available for our use. Brad Williamson did a very nice job making the new bulletin boards.

- f) Town Preserve Timber Harvest: This operation began in mid-September. The staging area off Cottle Hill Road will produce some attractive options as a parking area and access to the Town Preserve (appreciably better than the former option of access at the intersection of Lyford Road and Old Governor's Road).



- g) Alan Fredrickson has completed the second cutting of the hayfield on the Town Preserve. It looks like he has done some cutting of the perimeter of the field and some near the Hackett foundation. There is more to do, and we should go up to that area and cut the brush around the foundation and across from it before winter arrives.

6. New Business

- a) Signage for Mountain Lake and other attractions (requested by Ernie Brown)
"My suggested input is that the town has two great opportunities for making Brookfield a destination. Let's put a sign at the bottom of Moose Mtn Road with an arrow pointing to Brookfield trails Mountain Lake and Copple Crown,

with progressive signs all the way up to the parking area where you either go left to Mountain Lake and right to Copple Crown. Just a thought. I have been pushing this for years but so far no luck. These are great assets and Mountain Lake is a great trail for young kids. American youth are as a whole in poor physical condition. We need to encourage more of this.”

- b) Use of timber harvesting staging area on the Town Preserve for parking lot and entrance to Town Preserve (mentioned to me by Frank Frazier and Rich Zacher). Rich suggested planting winter rye grass after the timber harvest is done.

7) Selectman’s Report

8) Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6

9) Close meeting