

Town of Brookfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Agenda – March 4, 2020

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

1. Meeting called to order
2. Public Comments
3. Review of July 3, 2019 and Feb 4, 2020 minutes
4. Mail:

a) Meredith Savings Bank Statement:

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| Feb 10, 2020 | Interest: \$0.04 (0.01%) | Balance: \$5,430.42 |
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5. Old Business

a) Selectmen's consideration of seasonal "gates" at each end of the Town Preserve field to encourage only foot traffic? Pat Girard has spoken with Alan Frederickson who approves the idea, possibly making barrier on far side of the field from the Royale's permanent.

b) Monthly update from Frank in his role as Conservation Commission liaison to the Planning Board with respect to the inclusion of the CC Natural Resources Index (NRI) in helping to mold the Master Plan. Water rights? Stone walls? I am in the process of adding the Snow Conservation Easement of 320 acres to the NRI. Formatting is not easy!

c) I gave Pat the July 3, 2019 agenda with meeting notes, and Janice Girard will type up the Minutes with Pat's input. I found that I have the September 4 Minutes which Frank Frazier had prepared. I need to bring the CC loose-leaf binder up to date, the town website is in better shape but I need to ask Rose Zacher for some help.

d) Following Rich Zacher's suggestion in our last meeting, I contacted UNH Extension regarding getting someone to come up and talk about backyard composting. I was referred to Ruth Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator. I left her a message on her direct line 603-351-3831 (ext 2).

e) Regarding the concerns of Mark Stengel (who attended our February CC meeting) and Peter Donnelly:

1) I contacted DES to see if the CC might be copied on any correspondence concerning road issues (erosion, drainage, stone walls, etc.). I spoke with Debbie Patterson who referred me to Dave Price who works out of Portsmouth and is the

Brookfield Compliance Officer. His direct number is 603-559-1514, but his hours in the office vary. I left Dave a message.

2) I have looked online to see if there are State best practices when it comes to road work, stone walls, culverts, and erosion/drainage. I plan to ask Dave Price for clarity on this in layman's terms.

f) Need to complete the NHACC member information.

g) Revisit the idea of possibly a town flower?

7. New Business

a) Warrant Articles will be voted on at Town Meeting (7pm-8pm) on March 10 after the Town Election (1pm-6pm). As always, one of the Articles will be about funding the Conservation Commission. We need to be prepared to defend the \$500 for the CC in the Warrant Article.

b) MMRG is hosting its 20th anniversary annual meeting on Monday, March 16 beginning at 5:30 pm at The Inn on Main. Frank attended this last year, and it is always a good experience. RSVP by Friday, March 6.

d) Strategic Planning Survey from New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC). Asks for member contact information which I will complete at our meeting.

e) I sent you the NHACC Annual Survey 2020 recently so that you could come to the CC meeting prepared with individual answers. What are our collective answers?

f) I sent you the NHACC February E-news recently. Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on November 7th.

g) Reminder that in our April 1st meeting, after the March Town Election, CC positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) will be voted.

f) Donations? Gafney Library, MMRG...?

8. Selectman's Report

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1.

10. Close meeting