



## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

Attendees: Scott Pim, Sandy Goodspeed, Todd Hathaway  
Absent: Gordon Merrick, John Bennett, Jeff Conrad

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:05.

### **Trail Maps and Maintenance**

Some trails on public lands have been created and/or maintained by Boy Scouts. We should approach Jerry Langdon about helping with some needed maintenance at Fox Run. We could also consider a volunteer day. Todd is going to go to Fox Run to assess what might be needed; it may only involve a one or two-person trail clearing with reblazing. Mark Riley of Riley's Farm came to hear what we had to say about trails. He suggested that running and biking groups would be good people to get involved in trails and cited Stratham Hill Park as a potential model for a successful trail system. Those trails are maintained by the people who run and bike them. Potential opportunities on a number of properties were reviewed, including the status of the Harvey-Kennard property which should be finalized by the end of this year.

### **NRI**

- Deadline for grant request submittal is June 15; we should hear something this week.
- John was to find the survey published in Speak Up Epping that showed what the town thought was important at that time.

### **Minutes**

We do not have a quorum, so the approval of minutes is tabled until next meeting.

### **Website Update**

John will provide an update at the next meeting.

### **Website**

John posted the Vernal Pools event on our website. There was some question about whether or not our old site is still active. He will get back to us about that.

### **RPC public and private lands shown on map**

RPC can print maps for us showing which conservation lands are public and which are private. However, the private owners may not want their information shown on a published map.

Should have three categories :

- Public land, public access
- Private land, public access
- All conservation land that is not open to the public

### **Logo**

John will look into possibilities of a logo for the Commission.



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### **Tree stands, motorized vehicles and signs on conservation land**

We have a responsibility to monitor these properties and ensure the terms of the deeds/easements are maintained. Todd will look into the deeds/easements of the Low, Fresh River and Birch Road properties that SELT monitors. A SELT letter states there are motorized vehicle tracks across wet areas, so the soil is disturbed.

### **Invasive species**

Some people from LRAC have asked about using herbicides for invasive plants near the Lamprey. The Commission is concerned about invasive species on our conservation land. Todd is going to investigate grant opportunities for managing invasive species.

### **Conservation Maps**

Scott is going to send a digital copy of the table attached to our 2012 Conservation Land map to Todd. In this table is a row for each conservation property with about five data fields. We talked about adding columns of data specifying which types of activities are approved for each. This is a huge project and requires reading the deeds and/or easement restrictions. Sandy will send him Rockingham Planning Commission contact information to discuss altering the table and adding more detail to our conservation map.

### **Action Items**

#### **Sandy**

- Start file for NRI documentation
- Send Nik's information to Gordon
- Send John Barbara Helmstetter's contact info (survey results)
- Get Lamprey River brochures
- Get Epping Crossing parcel maps and deeds – with Scott's help
- Find out how many buildable lots left in Epping

#### **Todd**

- Find statutes regarding tree stands and motorized vehicles on conservation property
- Consider leading project to find out which publicly and privately owned lands are publicly accessible; put in tabular form
- Research grant opportunities for managing invasive species
- Assess Fox Run trail needs

#### **Scott**

- Send Todd digital copy of conservation land table for use in documenting more details
- Help Sandy with Epping Crossing deeds/maps

#### **John**

- Design new logo to complement town logo
- Track down survey results completed several years ago for use in NRI development

#### **Gordon**

- Reach out to Nik for help in finding possible grants for assessing land assets



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**Next meeting** is July 12.

Todd moved to adjourn, Scott seconded.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Goodspeed

Minutes Approved:

 9/13/16

Scott Pim, *Chair*

Date

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Gordon Merrick, *Secretary*

Date

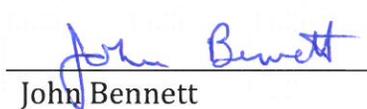
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Sandy Goodspeed, *Vice Chair*

Date

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Jeff Conrad, *Financial Secretary*

Date

 9/13/16

John Bennett

Date

 9.13.16

Todd Hathaway

Date