

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of June 12, 2019

Members in attendance: Heather Dudley-Tatman, Emily Schmalzer, Edie Shipley, and Jeff Donald, chair

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Phyllis Thompson

Alternates in attendance: Doug Cowie and Reid Bunker

Public Present: Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM

Thompson moved to give Bunker and Cowie voting rights. Shipley seconded and the motion passed.

Donald presented an update that Wofchuck has been collecting input on the Town-Owned Land policy.

Thompson moved the April 10, 2019 minutes, Cowie seconded. The minutes were approved.

Donald presented an update on the Split Rock Area based on his work and information provided by Wofchuck:

1. Donald is still working with Highway Department for Class 6 Road sign;
2. Map is almost done but company is going out of business. Wofchuck is working with Selectmen for appropriate contract to finish work;
3. Kiosk off south road completed by Boy Scout. Due to wet ground it may need stabilization once parking lot is installed.
4. Parking lot is high on Highway Department's list. More gravel than initially thought will likely be needed due to wet conditions.
5. Wofchuck worked with Kip and a street address of 211 South Road has been assigned to the parking lot/Split Rock Area.
6. The bridge will be installed this summer. Work days are:
  - a. July 13/14, and
  - b. August 3/4.
7. RCCD provided quote in the amount of \$3,980 to treat invasive species. The commission discussed. Cowie moved to engage RCCD, Shipley seconded and the motion passed.
8. Briscoe stated that she has begun blazing trails.
9. Donald observed that deep horse prints were in the trail. Commission discussed adding sign to kiosk to limit use of trails when they are wet. Briscoe also recommended improving trail, especially in wettest areas.

Spring Roadside cleanup review. Ok turnout with holiday weekend, school vacation, and rainy day. Dudley-Tatman presented receipts for the BBQ that totaled \$182.65. Cowie moved to reimburse Dudley-Tatman from the budget, Bunker seconded and the motion passed. Schmalzer noted that litter free New Hampshire likes to receive details about what the bags were used for. Since the Rec. Department picked up the bags for the town this should come from them.

Donald presented an invoice from SELTNH for the January through March easement monitoring and support work. The invoice was for \$2,422.65 and Donald noted that this was part of the amount encumbered in 2018. Bunker moved that the invoice be paid and Thompson seconded, the motion passed.

Donald presented an invoice from Truslow Consulting for \$2992.64 for the water quality monitoring and reporting. The commission has agreed to split the monitoring cost with the selectmen. Bunker moved to pay \$1496.32 from the budget, Schmalzer seconded and the motion passed. Cowie moved to authorize the payment of the commotions portion of future invoices up to the \$5,500 in the budget. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.

Donald reported that the Powers easement is for sale and he contacted the owners to remind them to make sure the real estate agent and buyers have a copy of the easement.

Donald received a complaint about trespassing, dumping, and potential wetlands violation. Donald has referred the complaint to the Police Department for initial assessment. Donald will follow up with the Police Department.

Open Space Update:

1. Martin easement has fallen through. A P&S was not in place prior to town meeting.

Donald suggested that a summer break may be wanted and that no meeting in July was a possibility. Cowie moved to not have a meeting in July, Shipley seconded and the motion passed.

Donald reminded the Commission that the pipeline project and the NH DOT have reached out for project ideas. Donald will follow-up with Highway Department for ideas such as culvert replacement.

At 7:45PM Donald made a motion to enter non-public hearing in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II(d), seconded by Schmalzer. Bunker-aye, Shipley-aye, Dudley-Tatman-aye, Cowie-aye, Thompson-aye, Schmalzer-aye, and Donald-aye. The motion passes.

At 8:00PM a motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Schmalzer to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Bunker-aye, Shipley-aye, Dudley-Tatman-aye, Cowie-aye, Thompson-aye, Schmalzer-aye, and Donald-aye. The motion passes.

Shipley presented a summary of the workshop she attended on how to manage town forests. Key conclusions were that forest management can be important to wildlife habitat and forest health and that early succession forest is important for wildlife.

Schmalzer asked if anyone was aware of or had information on the spurge plant that can ruin pastureland. No one did.

Thompson moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman