

Brentwood Conservation Commission

Meeting of April 13, 2022

Members present: Chair Bob Stephens, Secretary Michelle Siudut, Andy Laroche, Brian Silva, Selectboard rep Bob Mantegari (arrived late)

Alternates present: Doug Cowie

Guests: Matt Lapinski, Rebecca Dunham, Joyce Keegal

Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Motion by Laroche to allow Cowie to vote; passed unanimously.

Stephens presented a receipt for \$185.02 for food for the Cookout at Town Cleanup day. Siudut will write an article for the Brentwood Newsletter regarding Town Clean up and the donation of left over food to Austin17House.

Cowie made a motion, seconded by Nishina to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022; minutes approved unanimously.

Doug made a motion, seconded by Laroche to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2022 meeting; minutes approved unanimously.

Stephens announced that Mark Young has been officially sworn in as an alternate.

Stephens recused himself and Siudut chaired this part of the meeting.

Eversource/VHB. Present were Chris Wilkes from VHB; Jeremy Frinnell from Everoursee; Clara Schenck from Eversource. Maps were presented which exhibited work planned for 2022, to include 4 structure replacements and 1 structure removal. Work is scheduled to begin in mid to late May and should conclude by end of June. None of the work planned will permanently impact wetlands or streams; only one wetland crossing proposed, which will be timbermatted. State permits will be obtained; they are coordinating with Fish and Game regarding rare species. They are scheduled to attend the May meeting with the Planning Board.

Cowie made a motion, seconded by Laroche to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Commission has no objections to the plans as submitted, as presented at this meeting; Wayne Robinson at Public Works and Andy Gray at Recreation Department to be copied on the letter; motion passed 5-0-1 with Stephens recusing. Mantegari was absent. It was suggested that we ask Wayne to hold off paving of Brentwood Rec until after substation work is done.

Stephens resumed as Chair.

Keegal, Superintendent of Cemeteries. State law requires Towns provide all residents with a resting place. Tonry Cemetery is the only active municipal cemetery (about 5 acres; 400-450 lots) in Brentwood; 50% of the available lots (about 200) have been purchased. On average 10 lots are sold and 8 interments held per year. RSA 39 is the regulation that deals with

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cemeteries, for reference. It cost \$416.59 to purchase a lot; interment is additional. Keegal is looking for land for another cemetery and she hoped to consider some conservation land. There was a question as to what type of soil is best, Keegal indicated sandy soil is best. She asked that when we are discussing conservation land/easements with landowners, that we consider the need for a cemetery, which could include stone, green, and natural cemeteries. The Commission will review easements with Keegal to see if there are currently-conserved properties that would allow for this.

Stephens would like to have more frequent meetings to discuss properties that may fall under the Bond. We will meet next week.

Motion by Mantegari, seconded by Nishina, to nominate Rebecca Dunham and Matt Lapinski as alternates; motion passed unanimously 7-0-0

At 7:49 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, seconded by Siva to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for the consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property. A roll call vote was taken as required by law. Voting in favor were Stehens, Silva, Laroche, Mantegari, Cowie, Nishina and Siudut; passed unanimously 7-0-0.

At 7:58 pm a motion was made by Laroche, seconded by Nishina to exit non-public meeting, and to seal the minutes. A roll call vote was taken as required by law. Voting in favor were Stephens, Silva, Laroche, Mantegari, Cowie, Nishina and Siudut; passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Motion by Nishina, seconded by Laroche to pay the \$300 membership renewal fee to NH Association of Conservation Commissions; passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Motion to adjourn 8 pm; passed unanimously.

Next meeting: April 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut