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BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of August 12, 2020

Members in attendance: Bob Stephens, Robin Wrighton, Lise McNaughton, Brian Silva, Andy Laroche, Jim Nishina

Selectmen in attendance: Phyllis Thompson

Alternates in attendance: None

Public Present: Bob Magnusson, Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm

Lise McNaughton, Brian Silva, Andy Laroche, Jim Nishina sworn in as new Conservation Commission members. Letter of resignation received from Jody Kaufman as CC alternate.

Motion made by Silva, seconded by Laroche to nominate Wrighton as vice chair. Motion carried.

Nishina appointed Secretary. Wrighton moved to accept July minutes, Laroche seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion of “Stevens Fields” on Split Rock property. Bob Magnusson mowing by Woodman, lessee. Concern was raised by Bob Magnusson in regard to fields left fallow for the season. Conrad Magnusson is offering to mow fields at no cost to the Town. Wrighton mentioned the lease agreement on the land, stipulating that Mr. Woodman perform a final mowing October 1st or later. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the late mowing and the question of how soon may be late enough if performed by Conrad Magnusson on behalf of the Town – perhaps after September 1st. Wrighton will contact Mr. Woodman to determine his intention on mowing. A motion was made by Laroche to allow Conrad Magnusson to mow upon verification of Woodman plans, seconded by Silva. Motion carried.

Discussion of goals for the year.

388 NH Route 125 was discussed. Stephens reviewed site proposal, did not identify any wetland issues of concern.

No bills or reimbursements were brought forward.

Debbie Briscoe, Trails Committee Chair, came before the board to propose improvements to Split Rock Trail. She would like to harden the tread in 4 spots. She had a civil engineer and trail professional walk the trail and confirm her options. Materials suggested varied based on specific areas. Discussion ensued over types of trail treatments. The fact that land impacts to trail creation seems counterintuitive to habitat protection, except that the treatments help encourage users to stay on the trail, confining travel to the actual trails instead of folks deviating from the wet trails and disturbing adjacent and nearby land. She is asking Con Comm for permission to do the work. If approved, she will be looking for funding from the Recreation Department or

Con Comm. Motion made by Laroche to allow trail improvements, seconded by Silva. Motion carried.

Next meeting set for September 9, 2020, 6:30 pm.

Motion made by Stephens to adjourn, seconded by Wrighton. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm to a tour of the files area in the Sandborn Room.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Nishina