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MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

Steven Perkins, Chair, presided:

Members of the Commission Present:

Michael Boisvert, Vice Chair
Gina Rosati, Secretary
Cynthia Glenn
Gage Perry
Michael Drouin, Alternate Member
Ellen Kolb, Alternate Member
David Trippett, Alternate Member
Councilor Andy Hunter

Members of the Commission Absent:

Eric Starr

Also Participating:

Kirk Ware, 5 Townsend Place, Merrimack

Chair Perkins designated Commissioner Mike Drouin to sit in for Commissioner Starr.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

APPOINTMENTS –

Kirk Ware expressed his interest in an appointment to the Horse Hill Nature Preserve sub-committee. Vote to take place on March 7, 2022.

Mr. Ware is very interested in the outdoors and has been enjoying the trails in Town since moving to Merrimack. He sat on a few boards in the town where he lived previously and would like to be involved in the Merrimack Community.

STATUTORY/ADVISORY BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

- Duck Boxes

Commissioner Trippett stated that the duck boxes are excellent. He went with Chair Perkins, and Vice-Chair Boisvert to learn about the process and to collect eggs. He would be interested in volunteering next year.

Chair Perkins stated that the wood ducks seemed to have a high success ratio last year as there were a lot of hatched eggs, but not a lot of frozen unhatched eggs, only one frozen egg was found. There were six duck eggs collected so far this year, which was the Conservation Commissions collection goal.

A team will be volunteering at Horse Hill Nature Preserve the weekend of February 12, 2022. Chair Perkins and Commissioner Perry will most likely be the ones collecting eggs.

- Winter Carnival

Commissioner Rosati requested a table for the event. Normally there are two people that work the table at the Winter Carnival. So far, Commissioner Drouin is the only one who has volunteered. Commissioner Rosati shared that the table at the event will be located outside this year because of COVID-19. She continued to state that volunteers can come to Community Development Department at Town Hall to pick up the Conservation Commission Duck box and maps for display at the event.

Chair Perkins explained that typically individuals coming to the Winter Carnival are looking for information such as Conservation Commission property maps, how to get to the land, where to park etc. Chair Perkins stated he would try to volunteer at the event if he is available.

Commissioner Trippett suggested that if NH Fish & Game is at the Winter Carnival, they may share some of their materials like tracking cards. Commissioner Perry commented that NH Fish & Game has shared materials with the Conservation Commissioner at this event in past years. He continued that maybe if NH Fish & Game shared information with them, it could be used as giveaways to draw interest to their table.

Commissioner Perry questioned if confirmation was received regarding the 2022 NH State Forest Nursery seedling order. Commissioner Rosati and Chair Perkins stated they had not yet received confirmation. Chair Perkins stated we got confirmation that the check for the order was received, but he would double check to make sure the order was received.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Subcommittee Updates

Sklar Subcommittee – Commissioner Drouin stated the downed trees he spoke of at the last meeting were still there. Vice-Chair Boisvert noted the request to remove these trees was submitted to the Department of Public Works. Commissioner Perry commented that the department was very busy currently.

Commissioner Drouin shared that the Sklar road was plowed twice, but he wasn't sure who had done it. He also stated that the Flying Eagles had their permissions granted by the Merrimack Town Council, which were broad in his opinion. Vice-Chair Boisvert questioned which permissions were granted for the Flying Eagle tree cutting project.

Councilor Hunter said that the permissions were granted for the area the Flying Eagles had identified for tree cutting. He continued that permission was granted with the stipulations that the Flying Eagles either have to get insurance that indemnifies the Town, or they have to hire a professional service to complete the work.

Commissioner Drouin asked if this area included the notch, but Councilor Hunter and Vice Chair Boisvert stated that it did not include the notch on the South side which belongs to the Conservation Commission. Councilor Hunter said that the Town Council did not do anything about this chunk of land. They only gave permission for the work on the Town property up to the road.

Grater Woods- Next meeting is Wednesday February 9, 2022.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

Merrimack Conservation Commission. January 24, 2022

The following amendments were offered:

Page 1, line 40: List agenda item under appointments. "Nicole Morning-Christian-Sklar Subcommittee (Alternate)"

Page 7, line 277: Add "update on proposed MCC meeting at Sklar Waterfront Park on March 29, 2022"

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO ACCEPT, AS AMENDED
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GLENN
MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Drouin shared that he saw a few birds recently, he was unable to identify what kind, but he may propose the purchase of simple binoculars for bird viewing at a future meeting.

Commissioner Trippett stated that everything seems to be quiet at the Sklar property and that water has been freezing up nicely. He thinks the person who plows the parking lot for the Flying Eagles is plowing down to the Sklar properties parking lot.

Commissioner Drouin commented that he asked the Flying Eagles, but none of their members were plowing down to Sklar. Commissioner Trippett continued and shared that he saw lots of animal tracks at Sklar recently, possibly from Bobcats.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION BY CHAIR PERKINS THAT THE COMMISSION, BY ROLL CALL VOTE, ENTER NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3, II(d) CONSIDERATION OF THE ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY BENEFIT A PARTY OR PARTIES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE ADVERSE TO THOSE OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.

MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yes: Vice Chair Boisvert, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Glenn, Councilor Hunter, Commissioner Drouin, Commissioner Rosati, Chair Perkins.

Abstained:

No:

Motion carried 7-0-0

The Commission entered non-public session at 7:00 p.m.

The Commission came out of non-public session at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION BY CHAIR PERKINS THAT THE COMMISSION, BY ROLL CALL VOTE, SEAL THE MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION NON-PUBLIC MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2022 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION VOTES THAT THE PURPOSE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NO LONGER BE SERVED. (2/3 majority needed to pass)

MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yes: Vice Chair Boisvert, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Glenn, Councilor Hunter, Commissioner Drouin, Commissioner Rosati, Chair Perkins.

Abstained:

No:

Motion carried 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSATI TO ADJOURN

MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GLENN

MOTION CARRIED

7-0-0

The February 7, 2022, meeting of the Merrimack Conservation Commission was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by Stefanie Brinn