



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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Members Present

Marty Marx, Chairman; Chris Bazinet, Randy Bell, Molly Bernstein, and John Rie

Members Absent

Mike Oryl, Sheridan Bauman and Morgan Allen, non-voting member

Staff Present

Heidi Wallace, Inland Wetlands Agent
Kathleen King, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

M. Marx called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes- May 19, 2020

MOTION: to approve the May 19, 2020 Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes. **MADE:** by J. Rie;
SECONDED: by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None;
ABSTAINED: None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Bills:

MOTION: to approve the May time sheet from Recording Clerk Kathy King for \$121.82. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by C. Bazinet; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

MOTION: to pay Christopher Hallahan \$4,750.00, which includes a \$250.00 Town of Westbrook discount, for ground maintenance for the Tom ODell Open Space. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by M. Bernstein; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

MOTION: to pay Solitude Lake Management \$2,313.00 for Lake Laconia treatment. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by C. Bazinet; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

MOTION: to pay \$2,203.00 for the Tom ODell Open Space sign. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by C. Bazinet; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received: Inland Wetland Agent report for Jan 2020, Inland Wetlands Agent report for “Maypril” 2020, Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 2/25/2020, Zoning Commission Special Meeting Minutes 5/13/2020, Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 3/3/2020 and Corrected Minutes from Inland Wetlands Regular Meeting 1/7/2020. Also received was a report dated 2/5/2020 by H. Wallace re: loss of taxes for Toby Hill VIII if it was purchased by the Town of Westbrook for Board of Selectmen notification.

Eagle Scout project by Brendan Daly for the Bridle Path Conservancy – building a bridge in Horse Hill Woods:

Brendan Daly explained that he’s building a bridge on the light blue outer trail in Horse Hill Woods. He had a Power Point presentation to show Commission members where the trail will be located and the materials he will use. The bridge will allow pedestrians to cross when the area is flooded, and it will allow for emergency access. The work will be started in July 2020. He hopes to have completed the trail by September 2020. He said the trail floods frequently, so the timetable will be weather dependent.

H. Wallace said Brendan Daly will be coming before the Inland Wetlands Commission in July for their approval as well.

MOTION: to approve Brendan Daly’s bridge project as detailed. The Conservation Commission would like to commend Brendan Daly for his efforts and thank him for building the bridge in Horse Hill Woods. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by M. Bernstein; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Chairman's Report:

The Plan of Conservation & Development is updated every 10 years. There will be a meeting on 7/9/2020. Anyone from the Conservation Commission is welcome to join. Details to join the virtual meeting are as follows:

Plan of Conservation & Development meetings.

Moderator is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Plan of Conservation and Development Committee Listening Session Time: Jul 9, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84575916519?pwd=Mm13V0Q1eGQ5YXhzc3lVUEE2cXpPZz09>

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Open Space Projects:

- **Kirtland Landing: update**

There is nothing new to report at this time. This item can be removed from the agenda until next January.

- **Heritage/Open Space Brochure: update and next steps**

M. Bernstein reported that she has been working a lot on the brochure. She's been working closely with Darlene Briggs who has access to the original files. Pete from Technique Printers gave M. Bernstein price estimates. M. Bernstein took pictures of the trails of the Tom ODell Open Space for the brochure. The next step is to confirm with D. Briggs that the brochure is all set. After that, the brochure will be ready to go to the printers and be uploaded to the Town web site. M. Marx said the proofs of the brochure look fantastic.

M. Marx said there is money in next year's budget for brochure printing. J. Rie suggested M. Marx talk with the Finance Director to see if they need to get estimates since the cost for printing will be over \$500.00.

- **Toby Hill VIII purchase**

\$145,000.00 is still needed to purchase Toby Hill VIII even with the Westbrook Foundation Grant money. The Westbrook Foundation Trust has generously agreed to have a fundraising campaign. They have offered \$5,000.00 in matching funds. H. Wallace is working through the paperwork for the Federal Grant.

- **Trail Maintenance at Open Space properties**

M. Marx said that the interns are doing a fantastic job. They have been working a lot at the Tom ODell Open Space. The Westbrook Garden Club has done a wonderful job with the plantings.

- **Tom ODell Memorial Open Space signage update**

C. Bazinet said he would get a new proof for the Commission members. The turnaround time for the sign is only a few weeks. M. Marx said when the sign is ready, he'll contact Director of Public Works John Riggio to install it.

- **Interns:**

M. Marx reported on the interns above. M. Bernstein asked if the interns could fill the kiosks with the trail maps if they have access to copy them at the Town Hall. H. Wallace offered to copy them at Town Hall and get them to the interns.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Reports: Planning, Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Town Center, Preserve Ad Hoc Committee, and Harbor Management Commission

<p><u>MOTION:</u> to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Westbrook Conservation Commission which will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. <u>MADE:</u> by J. Rie; <u>SECONDED:</u> by R. Bell; <u>VOTED IN FAVOR:</u> C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; <u>OPPOSED:</u> None; <u>ABSTAINED:</u> None; <u>APPROVED:</u> 4-0-0.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King, Recording Clerk