

**Brentwood Conservation Commission MINUTES**  
**Meeting on June 15, 2022**

Members present: Bob Stephens, Andy Laroche, Jim Nishina, Bob Mantegari, Jessica Balukas

Alternate Members present: Doug Cowie, Matt Lipinski, Mark Young

Bob S. called the meeting to order at 6:33, Motion by Bob M, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy L, motion passed unanimously.

1. June 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, Motion to accept the minutes by Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laroche. Motion was tabled initially because of lack of members available who were at the last meeting in current attendance at this time during the meeting. At the end of the 6/15 meeting, motion was reconsidered, and passed unanimously.
  
2. 41A Mill Road Development (River Run) Cul-de-Sac and Road Length Discussion
  - a. Scott Cole of Beals Associates representing the Developer (Joe Falzone), presented the designs for both the road length and cul da sac, both variances requested and present Brentwood zoning requirements.
  - b. The Developer has rescinded their request to ask for a variance to reduce the diameter of all the Cul-de-Sac bulbs. They will construct to the zoning requirements.
  - c. The Developer has asked for a variance on the required road length going into a specific Cul-de-Sac. The current requirement is 250', and the requested variance length is 150'. Design plans were presented showing both lengths and impact on that part of the development.
  - d. Stephens asked which units would be affected if the variance was granted for that Cul-de-Sac. The units affected were identified as units 64, 65, 66. Stephens asked for a straw poll from the Con Comm on negative impacts from the standpoint of conservation issues. Laroche, Mantegari, Balukas, Lipinski, and Stephens unanimously expressed the sentiment that the variance would not negatively impact the issues of concern to the conservation commission more than the overall project does, and units would be greater distance from adjacent neighborhood houses under the waiver creating the shortened Cul-de-Sac. Cowie and Young abstained. Nishina wasn't present for this straw poll, arriving after.
  - e. Stephens will present the Con Comm opinion on this matter at the next Planning Board meeting where this project will be on the agenda.
  
3. Mud Season Trails Sign Posting
  - a. ConComm was approached by concerned citizens at the last meeting to prepare signage for Class VI Roads/Class A trails discouraging use during Mud season. Brian Silva of ConComm was tasked with working with citizens to formulate language, and to request language currently used by Trails committee for signs discouraging use during mud season. Debbie Briscoe from the Trails Committee was present to discuss this. She indicated she would like direction from the Town, Town Counsel, Con Comm, and/or Rec Dept on what potential language should be used to warn people to stay off the

muddy trails (town property) with vehicles/trail bikes. Should these signs be an “enforceable” sign or an “FYI” sign? She needs to differentiate between “mud season” and a “heavy rain” event. It was suggested that March 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup> could be “mud season”.

- b. Resident Bruce Stevens suggested a yellow plastic chain that can be removed along with a sign requesting cooperation and citing the RSA.
- c. Stephens thanked the Stevens family for their past donations of property to the Town. Stephens also mentioned that members of the Sportsmen of Brentwood are the concerned citizens that came forward the previous meeting, and they just want an example of language used previously.
- d. Stephens asked Debbie Briscoe what can the Con Comm do to assist with the Trail Committee in general. Stephens offered to contact the Town Administrator in putting the Town Counsel in touch with Debbie Briscoe? Stephens also suggested the creation of an Ad-hoc committee to assist Debbie Briscoe with effort, this group will include members of the Con Comm, Sportsmen of Brentwood, Trails Committee and other key residents.
- e. Mantegari suggested that Debbie Briscoe connect with the NH Municipal Assoc and the Tread Lightly Assoc.
- f. Other items brought up by Debbie Briscoe include.
  - i. Update on trail bridge at the BRC
  - ii. And feedback on what Dept. the Trail Committee should report to, i.e., Recreation Dept, or the Conservations Commission, this question was directed to the Select Board.

#### 4. Conservation Commission Criteria for Securing Open Space in Brentwood

- a. Resident Bruce Stevens brought this subject up and asked if this could be shared or found written anywhere.
- b. Stephens responded by saying that we are trying to keep this similar to what was done in the past, such as the recent Game Farm deal. Some of the process is confidential along with the potential properties we are talking to until we get to the point of actual making the purchase and presenting to the Town.
- c. Balukas suggested we could contact other Land Trusts and learn what they use for criteria in acquiring land.

#### 5. Parade

- a. Cowie not available to use his tractor to represent the Con Comm as he is one of the Grand Marshalls and will be riding in “a much nicer vehicle.”
- b. Laroche, Balukas, and Nishina have stepped up to see if they can put a float together for the Brentwood parade, and will keep us advised.

6. Changes in Board Members

- a. Michelle Sidiut has decided to step back and become an Alternate member of the Con Comm giving up her seat.
- b. Stephens suggested replacing Siudut with Young. Motion by Mantegari, 2nd by Lipinski, motion passes unanimously. Stephens/Mantegari will notify the Select Board with the recommendation and their approval.

7. Mowing of the BRC fields and Trail Head fields

- a. Nishina has volunteered to help the Trail Comm with this, with is tractor.
- b. Stephens suggested we approve an allowance of \$500 (to be itemized/verified by receipt) to reimburse volunteers who take on this task.
- c. Motion was made by Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laroche, passed unanimously.

8. Motion made by Mantegari at 8pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laroche, to continue in Non-public session under RSA Title VI, Chapter 91-A:3,II,(d). Vote taken by roll call. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting continued in non-public session.

9. Meeting was closed at 8:45pm with a Motion from Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laroche Motion passes unanimously.