



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

*Members Present:* Bill Bilodeau, Rich Collins, Joe Fedora, Brad Lajoie, Joe Russell, Lloyd Ziel

*Members Absent:* Laura Byergo

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Vice Chair Bilodeau opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:04 p.m. A roll call was taken; it was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being held virtually through Zoom and recorded by audio. A checklist to ensure meetings are compliant with the Right-to-Know Law during the State of Emergency was read into the record by Chair Byergo.

Attendance was taken by roll call: B. Bilodeau – present, R. Collins – present, J. Fedora - present, B. Lajoie – present, J. Russell – present, L. Ziel - present.

1. New Member Introduction – Lloyd Ziel

Vice Chair Bilodeau introduced Lloyd Ziel as a new member on the Conservation Commission.

2. Berg Conservation Easement Offered

The Berg conservation easement was discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The Selectmen opted not to accept the easement. There was no further discussion regarding the Berg easement.

3. In-Person Meetings

In-person meetings were discussed. Chair Byergo had stated she was not in favor of resuming regular meetings but rather continuing Zoom meetings. The Board of Selectmen has decided not to address opening the Town Hall until after the election on Tuesday, November 03, 2020; it will be discussed again at their meeting on Monday, November 09, 2020.

4. Trail Opening Event

B. Lajoie suggested using social media (the Town website and Facebook page) to advertise the trail opening. Spring would be the best time to hold an event, depending on the situation with the pandemic. Members will need to decide on the type of event to be held. It was suggested the event be done in conjunction with Earth Day in April 2021. It was also suggested the trail opening be held as part of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. J. Fedora suggested contacting Matt Tarr or State Forester as potential

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speakers. Vice Chair Bilodeau stated that the current pandemic should be taken into consideration when scheduling the opening.

MOTION: J. Russell moved to table further discussion of the trail opening event until January 2021. Second – B. Lajoie; roll call vote: B. Bilodeau – yes, R. Collins – yes, J. Fedora - yes, B. Lajoie – yes, J. Russell – yes, L. Ziel – yes. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 5. Drought Conditions

This area is currently in a severe drought. J. Fedora has spoken to L. Byergo due to his concerns; he would like the Town to elevate the issue. There has been so little rain over the last four to five months, rain does not sink into the ground because it is so hard-packed. The deficit is approximately 9 inches. J. Fedora's rain gauge measured 2.5 inches after the last rain. Some of the surrounding towns have mandatory water restrictions in place.

J. Fedora stated that the Director of Water Services indicated it was important for more precipitation before the ground freezes. Once the ground freezes, water will not get back into the water table.

### 6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, September 09, 2020. Second – B. Lajoie; roll call vote: B. Bilodeau – abstain, R. Collins – abstain, J. Fedora - yes, B. Lajoie – yes, J. Russell – yes, L. Ziel – abstain. Three in favor, three abstain (B. Bilodeau, R. Collins, L. Ziel). MOTION CARRIED

### 7. Other Business

B. Lajoie stated that when signs were posted for the Hunter Safety Zone and at the trail heads informing users it was a multi-use trail, they were not posted at the top Coastal Way or Cushman Way. A sign was posted at the front of the Liberty Hill parking area. J. Fedora will check to be sure the signs have been posted.

L. Byergo and B. Lajoie had discussed the quality of the signs and decided they were not the best and may not last more than one or two seasons. They will reach out to Fish and Game about better quality signs.

B. Lajoie stated he has been out on the trail and is in great shape. There is a small tree that is down near the bend and small field. He was unsure if it should be cut.

### 8. Adjournment

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Second – L. Ziel; roll call vote: B. Bilodeau – yes, R. Collins – yes, J. Fedora - yes, B. Lajoie – yes, J. Russell – yes, L. Ziel – yes. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Submitted By: Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant