

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 11, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chair, Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Brian Gifford, Jim Nupp, Jeff Marchand, Brenda Jorett, Warren Muir, Members, Bob Gilbert, Peter Foley, Alternates.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

I. Approval of Minutes

June 13, 2022

Corrections: Page 1, Discussion Items, Town of Wolfeboro – Pop Whalen Ice Arena, amend motion to include “approve the Town’s plan to” prior to “remove”

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Jim Nupp to approve the June 13, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Jim Nupp, Warren Muir voted in favor. Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Brenda Jorett abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
April 29, 2022**

It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Dan Coons to approve the April 29, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Jeff Marchand, Dan Coons, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Jim Nupp, Warren Muir, Brian Gifford, Brenda Jorett abstained. The motion passed.

May 24, 2022

It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the May 24, 2022 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Jeff Marchand, Lenore Clark, Brenda Jorett voted in favor. Dan Coons, Jim Nupp, Warren Muir, Brian Gifford, Brenda Jorett abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Goodwins Basin Mowing

Lenore Clark stated Aaron Stirt submitted his 2022 mowing price proposal; \$375/mow for a total of three mowings.

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve Aaron Stirt’s 2022 proposal to mow Goodwins Basin three times in 2022 at \$375/mowing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Lenore Clark asked Mr. Gifford to relay the approval to Mr. Stirt.

b. Invasive Species Management Plan

The Commission reviewed the Invasive Species Management Plan and proposal submitted by Lee Gilman for the Goodwins Basin, Towns Garden and Front Bay Park properties; noting treatment of the properties would take place in 2022. The Commission agreed to the proposed management plan.

It was moved by Jim Nupp and seconded by Brenda Jorett to accept the proposal and contract submitted by Lee Gilman & Associates dated July 6, 2022. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

c. MOU Between Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance & Wolfeboro Conservation Commission

Lenore Clark stated Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance (WSA) requested one additional minor change; noting the change was reviewed by Attorney Cowles who had no objection to the revision. She stated WSA requested removing “volunteers” so the agreement now reads “Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance volunteers.”

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Brenda Jorett to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission and Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance as amended. Lenore Clark, Warren Muir, Jeff Marchand, Brian Gifford, Brenda Jorett voted in favor. Dan Coons, Jim Nupp abstained. The motion passed.

d. Fernald Station/Willey Brook

Jim Nupp stated the driveway permit has to be submitted by the owner of the property (Bureau of Trails) or, the Conservation Commission has to be designated by the owner to file the permit. He stated Mike Weeks, Bureau of Trails, recommended access the annex through the existing parking lot. He stated he spoke to the Cotton Valley Rail Trail regarding such and they are ok with the proposal.

Dan Coons stated he would retrieve an updated quote from Rich Baldwin (previous quote in 2019 was \$6175. He stated to gain access to the trails from the annex parking lot a boardwalk/puncheon bridge is required (wetlands crossing).

Jim Nupp questioned the length of the crossing.

Dan Coons replied 180'. He stated Maine Trail Builders is currently working on the trails at Abenaki and stated they gave Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance a quote for \$10,000 to construct the crossing at Willey Brook.

Jeff Marchand questioned the timing of the work to be done at Willey Brook.

Dan Coons stated following the completion of the work at Abenaki.

e. Tax Map #37-7 & 37-8; Survey, Conservation Easement & Environmental Review

Dan Coons stated the land survey has not been completed.

Jeff Marchand asked if the boundaries are clearly marked so that the environmental review can be completed.

Lenore Clark replied yes. She stated the Commission received an estimate from Irene Garvey, Abenaki Environmental Services for \$1200 for the environmental review and requested approval to pay such.

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the payment of \$1200 to Abenaki Environmental Services for the completion of the environmental review of Tax Map #37-7 & 8. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Lenore Clark stated there is no update regarding the conservation easement and noted the Commission is waiting on the legal description.

Jeff Marchand recommended that the monthly agenda no longer include the Eagle Scout project until the scout approaches the Commission.

f. Nonpublic Meeting

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Jeff Marchand to enter non-public session at 7:28 PM under (RSA 91-A:3,II(c)). Roll call vote; Lenore Clark - yes, Jim Nupp – yes, Brenda Jorett – yes, Brian Gifford - yes, Warren Muir – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Jeff Marchand - yes. The motion passed (7-0).

The Board re-entered public session at 7:42 PM.

It was moved Brenda Jorett and seconded by Dan Coons to seal the July 11, 2022 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission non-public meeting minutes. Roll call vote; Lenore Clark - yes, Jim Nupp – yes, Brenda Jorett – yes, Brian Gifford - yes, Warren Muir – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Jeff Marchand - yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Chairman Clark stated the nonpublic session minutes of July 11, 2022 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

g. Trask Mountain & Upper Beach Pond – Wildlife Camera

Lenore Clark stated she received a request from a graduate student at UNH seeking the Commission's permission to place one motion-activated wildlife camera at Trask Mt and another at Upper Beech Pond, for a three-year study (Furbearer and Moose populations and habitat relationships across NH).

Warren Muir wanted assurance that the Commission would not be liable if the camera were damaged or stolen.

Lenore Clark stated Upper Beach Pond is not under the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Commission discussed placing a camera at Whiteface Mountain/Bridger Easement and agreed to ask that the results are shared with the Commission. The Commission noted support of the project.

h. Cell Tower Proposal (1642 Center Street)

The Commission discussed the proposal and reviewed the letter from A&D Klumb Environmental, LLC, dated 6/27/22, stating an architectural review is being conducted for a proposed telecommunications tower (160' tall monopole tower within a fenced compound) to be located on the west side of a residential property located at 1642 Center Street.

Lenore Clark noted a formal application has not been submitted.

i. Deutsch Easement Monitoring

The Commission scheduled monitoring of the property for July 15th at 11 AM.

j. Wolfeboro Waters

Warren Muir stated Rick van De Poll was invited to speak about the effort to ID a number of streams in Wolfeboro. He stated there was a cyanobacteria bloom in Jockey Cove on June 29th that resulted in a State advisory on June 30th. He stated the advisory was removed on July 1st. He stated the reporting protocol is being reviewed. He stated the Public Works Department is proposing to extend the sewer line at the end of Sewall Road down Forest Road to the end of Hopewell Point Road because of E. coli measurements due to potentially failed septic systems.

Peter Foley stated NH Public Radio announced the cyanobacteria advisory however, they do not announce when it is ok to go back in the water.

III. Other Business

Beaver Exclusionary Device

Jim Nupp stated Noreen MacDonald, Chair of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail, stated she believes that they can raise half the cost of the beaver exclusionary device (\$1150). He stated there are no grants available to assist with funding the device.

Lenore Clark stated she is in favor of installing the device.

Jeff Marchand questioned unintended consequences.

Warren Muir asked if there are wash outs on the trail.

Jim Nupp stated there are many issues that include undermining (beavers eating existing vegetation), flooding (not along Goodwins Basin) and slash from beavers. He stated the State will be present when cutting occurs along the Crescent Lake causeway.

Dan Coons stated that as long as vegetation exists there will always be beavers.

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Brian Gifford to pay 50% of the cost of the beaver exclusionary device, not to exceed \$1200, from the Commission's operating budget. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Jeff Marchand, Brian Gifford, Brenda Jorett voted in favor. Jim Nupp abstained. The motion passed.

RIB Site Update

Lenore Clark noted the Commission received a post-construction report from Headwaters Consulting, LLC regarding the restoration of temporary wetland impacts at the RIB site.

Pine Hill Road Housing Project Update

Lenore Clark stated the variance for the project was approved and noted the applicant has to now go before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review.

Foley Special Use Permit Application Update

Lenore Clark stated the application was approved by the Planning Board with conditions that included stormwater management controls.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. NH DES Dredge & Fill Application Review

Crispin & Judith Lachner

Off Lang Pond Road

Tax Map #127-6 (and Tuftonboro Tax Map #64-2-1)

Minimum Impact Expedited

The applicant proposes to treat 0.4 miles of an unnamed stream feeding into Mirror Lake with course woody additions.

The Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted no objection to the Crispin & Judith Lachner Minimum Impact Expedited application, Tax Map #127-6.

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Dan Coons to adjourn the July 11, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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