

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 17, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:37 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, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

**I. Approval of Minutes
September 12, 2022**

Correction: Page 3, Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance QR Code & Map; strike first bullet

It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the September 12, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes as amended. The members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Summarize Strategic Planning Work Session

Lenore Clark reviewed the discussion that occurred at the September 30th work session (additional outreach and communications, creating subcommittees to address outreach for land conservation, monitoring, permitting, regulations, etc.).

The Committee discussed creating a Facebook page, a separate website from the Commission's webpage on the Town's website and improving the Commission's existing webpage.

Jeff Marchand recommended the Commission appoint advocates rather than subcommittees for wildlife, social media

Lenore Clark stated the members also discussed the beaver issue at the RIB site; noting a vote was taken to support the Town's proposal for long-term trapping and removal of the beavers at the RIB site, and careful removal of the dam. She stated Jim Nupp met with NH Electric Coop at the Whiteface Mountain site to review the electric easement, timber, and parking. She stated LRCT has no issues with regard to the timber and clearing.

Jeff Marchand questioned the worth of the timber.

Jim Nupp stated such is mostly conifer with only a small amount of firewood. He recommended the wood chips be placed on the trail and parking area.

The Commission discussed such and agreed to leave the wood and place the wood chips on the trail (on the side of Ben Baldwin's memorial).

**b. Fernald Station/Willey Brook
Parking Annex**

Dan Coons stated he met with Rich Baldwin at the site; noting Mr. Baldwin would provide a cost estimate for a 40'x100' area, access to the parking area from Fernald Station would be in front of the barn.

Wetland Crossing

Dan Coons recommended a crossing similar to the recently constructed 180' bog bridge at Sewall Woods and noted a Trails Notification permit would be required. He stated he would volunteer to file the permit.

Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance QR Code & Map

Lenore Clark stated she emailed the Commission's edits to Cris Dow and noted she has not yet received a response.

c. Tax Map #37-7 & 37-8

Conservation Easement

Lenore Clark stated the Commission received a draft of such from Attorney Jim Cowles; noting LCHIP and the Town's attorney will also be reviewing the easement.

The Commission authorized Lenore Clark to forward the draft easement as submitted by Attorney Jim Cowles to LCHIP for review.

d. Justice Department Updates; Conservation Commission Amendments

Lenore Clark stated the letter from the Attorney General Department of Justice, dated September 29, 2022, was distributed to the Commission for informational purposes.

e. Property Monitoring Schedule

The Commission discussed such and agreed to schedule monitoring/boundary marking for the following properties;

Clow lot – October 19th, 9 am

Brown lot – October 26th, 9:15 am

Armory – November 3rd, 9 am

Prindall – November 15th, 9 am

Bill Rae Conservation Area – January 2023 (date & time TBD)

f. Wolfeboro Waters

Warren Muir stated the State legislature passed HR1066 which requires the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services to prepare a plan relative to cyanobacterial blooms in New Hampshire and reviewed the members of the Committee.

III. Other Business

Trail Signage

Jeff Marchand stated he ordered (and received) the following signs to be placed at various locations totaling \$116.53; Leave No Trace Please Pack Out What You Pack In, Trail Head, Hiking Trail, and Trail.

It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Jim Nupp to reimburse Jeff Marchand in the amount of \$116.53 for the purchase of trail signage. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Jim Nupp, Brenda Jorett, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

NHACC Annual Meeting

The NHACC Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2022 at Pembroke Academy.

Invasive Species

Lenore Clark stated Lee Gilman worked at the Front Bay Conservation Area, Towns Garden and Goodwins Basin properties. She stated permission was received by an abutter of Goodwins Basin (Evans) to allow Mr. Gilman to use the property as a staging area.

Trask Mountain Signage

Lenore Clark thanked Jeff Marchand for facilitating the rehabilitation of the Trask Mountain sign with the Cub Scouts.

Ryefield Marsh

Lenore Clark stated she received a call from Marie Donahue who stated it is her belief and the belief of other abutters that the beaver activity is flooding their septic systems. She stated she contacted Christine Collins and asked that Ellie's Woodland Walk/Ryefield Marsh be removed from Town and Parks and Recreation publications.

The Commission discussed repair of the boardwalk and the use of Land Use Change Tax to assist with the cost of maintenance of such.

2023 Conservation Commission Meetings

Jeff Marchand asked the Commission to consider scheduling some of the 2023 meetings during the day rather than the evening.

The Commission agreed to discuss such at the November meeting.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Nonpublic Meeting

It was moved by Jim Nupp and seconded by Dan Coons to enter non-public session at 8:39 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 9:12 PM.

It was moved Dan Coons and seconded by Brenda Jorett to seal the October 17, 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 October 17, 2022 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

VI. NH DES Dredge & Fill Application Review

None.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Jeff Marchand to adjourn the October 17, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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