

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 30, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 10:17 pm.

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chair, Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Jim Nupp, Brenda Jorett, Warren Muir, Members, Bob Gilbert, Alternate.

Members Absent: Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Jeff Marchand, Brian Gifford, Members, Peter Foley, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Chairman Clark appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Dan Coons, Member.

I. Discussion Items

a. Beaver Dam at Nineteen Mile Brook (RIB site)

Lenore Clark stated beavers have built a dam at the site (5-6 feet high, 50' wide). She stated the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission has expressed concern about the safety issues if there is a large storm event. She stated Dave Ford has expressed concern for the impact to the ENS' (Engineered Natural Systems) and the impoundment. She noted the general consensus of those who attended the site visit was to remove the dam due to the liability of such.

Warren Muir confirmed that the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission is in favor of removing the dam.

Dave Senecal stated the BOS are also in favor of removing the dam.

Lenore Clark noted the beavers would be trapped.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Jim Nupp to trap the beavers at the RIB site and slowly remove the existing dam. Lenore Clark, Dave Senecal, Jim Nupp, Brenda Jorett, Bob Gilbert voted in favor. Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed.

b. NH Electric Coop Utility ROW – Tax Map #37-7 & 8

Lenore Clark stated NH Electric Coop is requesting to invoke the ROW access to the utility lines; noting a prescriptive ROW easement exists. She stated she reviewed the matter with Lakes Region Conservation Trust; noting they have no objection to the request. She requested permission from the Commission to sign any documents related to such.

It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Warren Muir to authorize the Chair to sign permission

The Commission reviewed the trail cutting; noting the wood would be chipped and left for the Commission. Regarding the parking area, Jim Nupp stated the creation of an overflow parking area would only allow for a couple additional parking spaces, however, a trail would have to be created to allow access to the trailhead. He recommended asking Rich Baldwin to look at the existing parking area and extending such for an additional 4-5 spaces and enlarging the present area.

c. Long Term Strategic Planning

Lenore Clark read RSA 36-A.

The Commission discussed the following;

- Public perception of the Conservation Commission
- Outreach and education via Social Media (Instagram, Facebook), sharing information, monitoring of the information
- Publication of photographs
- Point person for outreach & communication of social media and website
- Create a blog
- Commission becoming proactive v. reactive
- What does the Commission want to be proactive about (encourage use of public lands, trail promotion, etc.)
- Publicize issues of other Conservation Commissions
- Establish priorities/goals
- Tracking use of trails; polls posted on social media
- Land preservation
- Increased communication with other organizations
- Prioritization of Conservation Commission efforts
- Stewardship of current Town owned properties and easements
- Conservation Commission website (separate from the Commission's webpage on the Town's website)
- Improved communication with the Town's Tree Warden
- Time constraints of members to implement efforts
- Establish subcommittees (questioned public notice requirements); Lands Committee, Outreach/Communications Committee, Permitting and Regulations Committee, Land Preservation/Protection Committee
- Recruit volunteers/interested parties to assist in implementation efforts and serve on subcommittees
- Standard agenda item on monthly meeting agenda to include review of upcoming matters or updates on ongoing matters the Commission should be aware of

Brenda Jorett stated she would manage the social media pages and continually research and review pages of other Towns and Commissions. She encouraged sharing information from other organizations on the Commission's pages.

Dave Senecal exited the meeting at 11:03 am.

Bob Gilbert exited the meeting at 11:40 am.

II. Other Business

None.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Adjournment

It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Jim Nupp to adjourn the September 30, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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