

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 18, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:34 pm.

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

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Bob Gilbert, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

**I. Approval of Minutes
February 12, 2024**

Correction: Page 1, 5th paragraph; add “and appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jim Nupp, Member.”

It was moved by Brenda Jorett to approve the February 12, 2024 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Brian Gifford seconded the motion. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Brenda Jorett, Peter Foley voted in favor. Jim Nupp, Jeff Marchand, Brian Gifford abstained. The motion passed (4-0-3).

March 5, 2024 Dredge & Fill

It was moved by Dan Coons to approve the March 5, 2024 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Brian Gifford seconded the motion. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Brenda Jorett, Peter Foley, Jeff Marchand, Jim Nupp abstained. The motion passed (3-0-4).

II. Discussion Items

a. Library Local Recreation Panel

The Commission tabled such.

b. 2024 Invasive Species Management Plan

Lenore Clark stated she contacted Lee Gilman regarding the Armory lot and requested a work plan and summary of previous efforts.

c. Natural Resources Inventory/Conservation Plan

Jeff Marchand stated he has taken several wildlife webinars regarding such and noted that in order to receive grants a Natural Resource Inventory needs to be in place and recommended such. He stated grant applications will request an NRI map.

Lenore Clark stated the Planning Board received an estimate of \$70,000 for such and noted the Planning Board contracted with Blue Moon Environmental in 2010 to produce a Natural Resource Inventory.

Lee Ann Hendrickson stated she would forward the maps to the Commission.

Dan Coons stated that Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and Lakes Region Conservation Trust have done conservation plans that include Wolfeboro.

d. QR Code for Front Bay Park and Whiteface

The Commission tabled such.

Peter Foley stated The Nick has been using a QR code and are happy with the results of such.

Jeff Marchand and Lenore Clark agreed to speak to the BOS regarding such.

e. Tree Stand Regulations

Lenore Clark stated she had a conversation with Roger Murray regarding such; noting that Mr. Murray believes the regulation has changed. She stated there is a tree stand located at the Towns Garden and Willey Brook properties.

Jeff Marchand stated he would research such.

f. Conservation Commission Priorities

Jeff Marchand stated four people participated in the survey and noted that land acquisition was the highest priority and fundraising was zero. He stated the survey was not well received.

**g. Fernald Station
Parking Signage**

No report.

Construction of Equipment Shed

No report.

Kiosk Sign

Lenore Clark stated she would contact the NH Department of Corrections regarding costs associated with such.

Jim Nupp discussed the placement of memorial bricks in front of the kiosk is located on the easement.

Lenore Clark stated she reviewed the easement language; noting the language was very vague and addressed parking and access to the Rail Trail. She stated she would forward such to Jim Nupp.

Jim Nupp stated if the easement is vague would the Commission be supportive of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail fundraising effort. He stated the State no longer allows the placement of benches along the trail.

Jeff Marchand questioned the scope of the fundraising project.

Brenda Jorett recommended a plan be forwarded to the Commission.

Jim Nupp stated he would speak with the committee.

h. Wolfeboro Waters

Warren Muir stated the Committee met today and was requested to operate at 5% less than 2023. He reviewed the status of the voting results; noting the Port Wedeln warrant article failed. He stated the Lake Winnepesaukee Association continues to pursue the watershed management plan and reviewed a survey that is being conducted. He stated sediment samples were collected last summer and the results from such have been received; noting aluminum, phosphorus and iron contents were analyzed. He reviewed that analysis.

III. Other Business/Informational Items

Year To Date Expenditures

The Commission reviewed such.

Property Monitoring/Boundary Marking

The Commission agreed to schedule boundary marking and property monitoring for the following properties in March and April; Trask Mountain, Bridger Easement, and the eastern portion of the Bill Rae Conservation Area. The Commission will revisit scheduling additional monitoring and marking of properties in May.

Penn Air

Jeff Marchand stated Tax Map 34-1 was taken by tax deed in 1989 and is located on Sky Lane and noted the property is land locked. He questioned whether the Commission should request the BOS to place the property under the Commission's management and the Commission could then log the property.

Dan Coons stated a warrant article would be required to place a property under the management of the Commission.

The Commission agreed to schedule a site walk.

Jeff Marchand stated he would contact the abutters to request access to the lot for the site walk.

Whiteface Trail

Jim Nupp stated the Commission should consider, with the blessing of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, relocating a portion of the trail. He stated he walked the trails the other day and observed degradation of the trails due to the recent excessive rainfall; expressing concern for future rainfall events.

Lenore Clark stated Mike Schneider, Wonalancet Out Door Club, hiked the trail and observed drainage issues. She stated he believes members of the Club would volunteer to assist with installing drainage improvements such as water bars. She stated that Lakes Region Conservation Trust knows Mike Schneider and confirmed the group does excellent work.

The Commission further discussed whether to relocate the trail or install water bars with hand tools and agreed to install the latter. The Commission agreed to contact Mr. Schneider regarding availability to walk the site with a member(s) of the Commission and review the scope of work; noting that a Commission member(s) would be present during the installation.

Household Hazardous Waste

Sarah Silk stated the flyer produced by the Solid Waste Facility has several errors including incorrect dates and materials collected. She reviewed the Paint Care Bill.

MMRG Tree Walk and Turtles of NH

Brenda Jorett stated she attended both and reviewed such.

Libby Museum Trustees

Referencing the Board of Selectmen March 6 meeting, specifically Libby Museum Trustees Meeting, Brenda Jorett stated the discussion was environmentally focused and questioned whether the Commission may want to be a part of such.

Conservation Commission April Meeting

The April 8 meeting was rescheduled to April 15. Location to be determined.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Non-Public Session

It was moved by James Nupp to enter non-public session at 8:34 PM under (RSA 91-A:3,II(c)). The motion was seconded by Brenda Jorett. Roll call vote; Lenore Clark - yes, Jim Nupp – yes, Brenda Jorett – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Peter Foley – yes, Brian Gifford - yes. The motion passed (7-0-0).

The Board re-entered public session at 9:01 PM.

It was moved Brenda Jorett to seal the March 18, 2024 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission non-public meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Peter Foley. Roll call vote; Lenore Clark - yes, Jim Nupp – yes, Brenda Jorett – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Peter Foley – yes, Brian Gifford - yes. The motion passed (7-0-0).

Chairman Clark stated the nonpublic session minutes of March 18, 2024 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

VI. NH Dredge & Fill Application(s)

N/A

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Dan Coons to adjourn the March 18, 2024 Conservation Commission meeting. Brian Gifford seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (7-0-0).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Hendrickson

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