

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 11, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Members, Warren Muir, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Jeff Marchand, Robert Pierpont, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

*Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:36 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.
Chairman Coons appointed Warren Muir, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member.
Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Lenore Clark, Member.*

I. Public Hearings

Dan Coons stated pursuant to RSA 36-A, the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission is holding public hearings on the following (and reviewed the parcels);

- Acquisition of the Heath Brook Conservation Area Conservation Easement from the Wentworth Watershed Association to the Town of Wolfeboro and the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission on parcels Tax Map 233-1 and Tax Map 233-2
- Conveyance of property (Tax Map 37-5) from the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Inc. to the Town of Wolfeboro
- Conveyance of a Conservation Easement from the Town of Wolfeboro to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust on parcels Tax Map 36-1 and Tax Map 37-5

Chairman Coons opened the public hearing.

Referencing the acquisition of the Heath Brook Conservation Area Conservation Easement from the Wentworth Watershed Association, Dan Coons stated the Commission discussed and voted previously to contribute \$60,000 toward the purchase of the properties and noted the Town of Wolfeboro would be granted a Conservation Easement.

Art Slocum asked if anyone has evaluated the properties to ensure no hazardous waste exists; noting heresay of the camp at one point was dumping waste on the property.

Dan Coons stated he has personally walked a portion of the property and understands that an assessment has been performed.

David White, Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT), stated he performed a site visit guided by Julie Brown; noting he viewed some signs of waste but, not hazardous waste and it is unclear of the history of use. He stated LRCT has been asked to hold executory interest on the property.

Referencing the conveyance of property (Tax Map 37-5) from the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Inc. to the Town of Wolfeboro, Dan Coons stated there is question whether the Town needs warrant article approval for the purchase of the property; noting Attorney Mark Puffer, Town Counsel, opined that such is not needed. Therefore, he questions whether the Land Bank should accept the conservation easement first.

David White, LRCT, stated the issue relates to the way the Town acquires the property; noting a Town Meeting is needed to approve the acquisition.

Dan Coons stated the property was acquired by funds from the Town's Land Conservation Fund. He stated it is too late to get an article on the warrant this year. He stated the Commission co-purchased the Morse property and the intent is to place a conservation easement on all the properties.

There being no further questions or comments, Chairman Coons closed the public hearing.

II. Consideration of Minutes

January 14, 2019 Minutes

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the January 14, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Art Slocum, Brian Gifford, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

January 14, 2019

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the January 14, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Art Slocum, Brian Gifford, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

February 1, 2019

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the January 14, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Sarah Silk, Brian Gifford, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

III. Discussion Items

a. David White, Lakes Region Conservation Trust

David White, Lands Chair for LRCT, stated the organization in 2017 compiled data and maps relative to climate change. He stated in 2016 The Nature Conservancy completed and released major climate data reports; noting he would provide the links to such. He stated LRCT has ARC GIS packages that back up the maps. He distributed the Climate Change Resilience Map; noting

there is a need to prioritize conservation efforts more carefully. He stated the map provides another specialized tool to use as a criteria for land protection; noting he hopes the Commission and LRCT would collaborate on potential projects that are particularly resilient in the Town.

Art Slocum confirmed that LRCT is using the map to prioritize criteria.

Warren Muir stated The Nature Conservancy considers animal and plant habitat and asked if LRCT considered such.

David White replied yes; noting the data was developed to identify landscape diversity because such will support wildlife and plant habitats.

Warren Muir noted there appears to be significant runoff to the lake in the riparian zones on Lake Wentworth. He stated with regard to water quality he doesn't see anything that reflects stormwater runoff to Rust Pond or Lake Winnepesaukee and asked if such is due to the lack of data or if it is not seen as an importance source.

David White stated that all around, most of the lakes are not resilient primarily because of the buildout therefore, it is devoid of said information. He noted the map depicts a diverse area.

Warren Muir questioned whether Heath Brook falls within the criteria.

David White stated he couldn't say.

b. Northern Forestry Services

Dan Coons stated the Commission received an invoice from Dan Stepanauskas, Northern Forestry Services, in the amount of \$341 for review of Conservation Commission lands. He stated Mr. Stepanauskas has completed the Ryefield Marsh Forest Management Plan; noting the Commission received such.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve payment in the amount of \$341.00 from the Land Conservation Fund to Northern Forestry Services for review of Conservation Commission lands. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

c. Cyanobacteria Task Force

Warren Muir stated the Committee agreed on a Mission Statement to develop a community wide effort to include assessment, mitigation, education and communication and develop protocol in the event of a suspected bloom.

d. Bridger Conservation Easement

Dan Coons stated an updated draft of the easement has been forwarded to the Commission and is being reviewed by Attorney Jim Cowles, Walker and Varney. He stated the Commission has been asked to sign a fee agreement for Attorney Cowles' services and a waiver consent to review the easement because Jeff Marchand's attorney of record is George Walker, Walker and Varney; noting Mr. Marchand will also be signing the waiver consent.

e. Willey Brook

Trails

Dan Coons stated Wolfeboro Single Track would be submitting a bid for trail construction.

Parking Area

Dan Coons stated he has not received an estimate for the construction of a parking area from Rich Baldwin.

IV. Other Business

N/A

V. Informational Items

The Commission received the following informational item; NHDES correspondence.

VI. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to adjourn the February 11, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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