

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 9, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Art Slocum, Member, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Meeting Room. Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Art Slocum, Member.

I. Consideration of Minutes

April 11, 2016 Minutes (Regular Monthly Meeting)

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 11, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

April 11, 2016 Minutes (Joint Meeting with the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission)

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the April 11, 2016 Joint Wolfeboro Conservation Commission and Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Meeting minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

April 27, 2016

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 18, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Dan Coons, Jeff Marchand, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

Referencing the Town of Wolfeboro NH DES application (April 27, 2016 Dredge & Fill minutes), Dan Coons stated he received a phone call from a waterfront owner within the Port Wedeln subdivision expressing concern regarding turbid water going directly into the lake after a recent rain event. He stated Dave Ford was contacted; noting the Town did not have knowledge of the unmapped drainage and would be including it in their NH DES application.

II. Discussion Items

A. NH DES Standard Dredge & Fill Application Presentation; Moore, TM #213-7

Dave McConkey, Agent for the owner Mark Moore, stated the applicant is requesting to construct a 282 SF perched beach. He submitted revised plans and reviewed the location of erosion and sediment controls; noting the Shoreland Permit has been approved by NH DES.

Dan Coons noted the letter to the abutters was not included in the application.

Ed Roundy questioned whether improvements to the driveway are proposed.

Dave McConkey replied no and stated the existing gravel driveway would remain in place.

Dan Coons confirmed the proposal does not include the construction of a house at this time.

The Commission noted no objection to the application; Dan Coons signed the application.

B. Front Bay Park; Trash Receptacle

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Mike Hodder who received a complaint that dog feces are being left in bags at Front Bay Park and requested a trash receptacle be placed at the location. He stated he recalls the original intent was for the park to be a “carry in/carry out” park and noted he contacted Parks and Recreation regarding such.

Sarah Silk recommended contacting Adam Tasker. She questioned whether the Commission would have to pay the other departments for emptying the receptacle.

Gail Antonucci stated she does not agree with locating a trash receptacle at Front Bay Park and expressed concern that people would use them for personal trash.

Ed Roundy stated he supports a carry in/carry out policy.

Lenore Clark suggested signage stating such.

Jeff Marchand stated he would take pictures of the site and existing signage.

The Commission agreed to continue further discussion following receipt of the photographs.

C. Willey Brook; Grant Opportunities for Bike Park

Dan Coons stated he attended a workshop sponsored by NH DRED; noting \$800,000 is available to fund trail work. He stated one third of the funds would be for non-motorized usage, one third for mixed use and one third for motorized usage. He stated the maximum project size is limited to \$100,000 and requires a 20% match with a deadline of early June.

Ed Roundy questioned the advantage of a combine project with Andrew Lester.

Dan Coons stated the application needs to be submitted by the Conservation Commission and noted that three bids would be required because the amount of the project is in excess of \$10,000. He noted the Student Conservation Association and AMC does trail work and stated the Pathways Committee is supportive of the proposal.

Lenore Clark confirmed the grant application would be submitted for the construction of mountain biking trails and not the pump track.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Ed Roundy to authorize Dan Coons to submit a grant application for proposed bike trails at Willey Brook. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ed Roundy stated the need to protect the ecology of the area and Willey Brook. He expressed concern regarding constructing bridges over the brook.

Dan Coons stated he believes the Commission is in agreement that there would not be any bridges. He recommended GPS of the bike trail to submit as part of the application.

D. Student Conservation Association

Dan Coons stated he is scheduled to meet with Matt Coughlin, SCA, on 5/16/16; noting him and Mr. Coughlin would be examining the Towns Garden, Front Bay Park and Willey Brook. He stated the SCA could clean up the slash at the Willey Brook property that was left by the logger.

E. Invasive Species Cost Estimate

Dan Coons stated Erik Grove's cost estimate includes \$2,000 for Front Bay Park and \$2,200 for Towns Garden to treat invasive species; noting such is based on two applications at Towns Garden. He stated one application is scheduled for Front Bay Park however, due to its proximity to the lake the chemicals used for treatment are more expensive.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Jeff Marchand to contract Erik Groves for treatment of invasive species at Front Bay Park and Towns Garden, cost not to exceed \$5,000. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

F. Taking Action For Wildlife Work Plan

The Commission requested Staff to contact Amanda Stone and requested attendance at a meeting to review the Taking Action for Wildlife Work Plan.

III. Old Business

Whiteface Mountain Trail Access

Dan Coons stated the owner of the frontage for the proposed access to the Whiteface Mountain trail is willing to enter into a five year agreement. He stated Don Berry, LRCT, is preparing the deed.

Towns Garden Intern

Ed Roundy stated he would contact the high school this week regarding scheduling an intern for the upcoming summer. He noted the Food Pantry Garden Committee/gardeners are interested in having an intern again.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Informational Items

The Commission was provided NH DES correspondence.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the May 9, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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