

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 12, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Members, Warren Muir, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Members, Robert Pierpont, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room. Chairman Coons appointed Warren Muir, Alternate, to sit in for Brian Gifford, Member, and appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand.

I. Consideration of Minutes

October 8, 2018 Minutes

Corrections: Page 3, Conservation Commission Town Counsel; strike "Town"

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the October 8, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

September 28, 2018

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the September 28, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Warren Muir, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

October 8, 2018

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the October 8, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Warren Muir, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

October 20, 2018

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the October 20, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Warren Muir, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Hemlock Woody Adalgid

Dan Coons such has been identified in Wolfeboro in the area of Springfield Point Road.

b. Barry Conservation 4-H Camp

Dan Coons referenced an email he received from Larry Barker, Barry Conservation 4-H Camp, dated 11/2/18, stating the deadline to sponsor a camper is 2/1/19. He noted the email also requests help recruiting staff for next summer.

Art Slocum asked what the Commission has given previously.

Dan Coons stated he couldn't recall.

Staff stated the Commission has only given once to the organization; noting there weren't any children that attended the camp from the Wolfeboro area.

Art Slocum questioned whether the school has contact information for the camp.

The Commission agreed to send an email to the organization asking them to forward their information to the local schools and inquire as to whether they have received an application from a child in Wolfeboro.

Dan Coons stated he would email Larry Barker.

c. Bill Rae Conservation Area; Snowplowing Contract

Dan Coons stated Scott Champagne snowplowed the entrance to the property last year and has inquired as to whether he would be doing it again this year. He stated Mr. Champagne plowed several times each storm; noting he would speak to him regarding such and that it isn't necessary to do such. He stated he was on-site and observed a rowboat half sunk at the shore and a canoe and recommended placing a sign that the Commission would take the items to the dump if they were not removed by 12/1/18.

Lenore Clark asked if a sign stating "no dumping" should be placed on-site.

Dan Coons stated he would prefer a "carry in, carry out" sign.

d. Conservation Commission Counsel

Dan Coons stated he met an attorney, Kelsey Peterson, at the NHACC annual meeting. He stated she is located in Concord, NH and the firm handles conservation easement work, including negotiations, drafting easements and associated documents, interpretation and defense of older documents and enforcement.

Art Slocum recommended hiring an attorney closer to Wolfeboro and recommended Nicole Csiszer or Jim Cowles.

Dan Coons stated he would contact Attorneys Csiszer and Cowles.

e. Easement Monitoring

Dan Coons stated he would like to begin a schedule of monitoring all properties and would prepare a list for review.

Art Slocum recommended rotating the properties that are monitored and volunteered to contact the high school for assistance.

f. Trask Mountain

Dan Coons recommended constructing trails on the Trask Mountain property. He informed the Commission that Andrew Lester, Bella Terra Trail Design, is relocating to Arkansas therefore, cannot construct the trails. He stated he has contacted Appalachian Mountain Club in Vermont to construct the trails at Trask Mountain and construct a bridge across Willey Brook. He stated the Commission previously authorized the concept of trail construction at the Trask Mountain property.

g. Water Quality Committee/Task Force

Warren Muir stated the Water Quality Committee would begin to convene following budget review. He stated the Committee will consist of representatives from the following; BOS, Parks and Recreation, Public Works Department, Wentworth Watershed Association and Chamber of Commerce.

Art Slocum stated there should be a representative from Rust Pond and Mirror Lake Protective Association.

Warren Muir noted the scope has not been defined. He stated the Conservation Commission is not listed as an entity to serve on the Committee however, should be.

Dan Coons stated he would contact Linda Murray, BOS, regarding the appointment of a Conservation Commission representative to the Committee.

h. Conservation Commission Membership

Dan Coons stated the BOS considered Nancy Byrd's request for appointment to the Commission however, due to the fact the Commission has a full membership (including alternates) the BOS stated they would consider her appointment in March 2019 when another member's term expires.

i. Whiteface Mountain

The Commission reviewed the Conservation Easement prepared by Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Art Slocum stated the conservation easement was presented to the Land Bank; noting they are supportive of such and approved it as written. He stated their only concern was access for mountain bikes.

Dan Coons stated the trail going up the mountain is too steep for mountain bikes.

Warren Muir questioned the Commission's role with regard to such.

Dan Coons reviewed the history of the acquisition of the property; noting the Commission will become the owner of the property and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust will be the easement holder.

j. Maintenance Planning for Conservation Properties; Status Updates

Dan Coons stated he met with Rich Baldwin regarding the Willey Brook parking lot; noting he would be submitting a cost estimate for such.

III. Other Business

Land Bank

Art Slocum stated members of the Land Bank are concerned for the amount of invasive species in Sewall Woods and at the Solid Waste Facility. He stated representatives plan to meet with Dave Ford to discuss the issue. He stated he would report back to the Commission regarding such.

Student Conservation Association

Dan Coons suggested the Commission consider contracting with the Student Conservation Association next summer for trail projects.

Northern Forest Resources; Update on Forest Management Plans & Invoice

Dan Coons stated the Commission received an invoice in the amount of \$697.50 for review of conservation properties and property assessments.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to authorize the payment of \$697.50 to Northern Forest Resources. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. Informational Items

The Commission received the following informational item; NHDES correspondence.

V. Non-Public Session

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Sarah Silk to enter non-public session at 7:50 PM to consider the acquisition of real property (RSA 91-A:3,II(d)). Roll call vote; Sarah Silk – yes, Lenore Clark – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Ed Roundy – yes, Art Slocum – yes, Dan Coons - yes. The motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:20PM.

It was moved Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to seal the November 12, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission non-public meeting minutes. Roll call vote; Sarah Silk – yes, Lenore Clark – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Ed Roundy – yes, Art Slocum – yes, Dan Coons - yes. The motion passed.

Chairman Coons stated the nonpublic session minutes of November 12, 2018 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the November 21, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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