

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 11, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Jeff Marchand, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Art Slocum, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Gail Antonucci, Member, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

Staff Absent: 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 Sarah Silk, Alternate, to site in for Gail Antonucci, Member.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
August 14, 2017 Minutes**

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the August 14, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Sarah Silk, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Dave Senecal, Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
August 14, 2017**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the August 14, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Willey Brook Trail Construction

Dan Coons stated he spoke with Andrew Lester; noting construction of the trail is occurring from the back of the lot forward (furthest from the rail trail working their way to the rail trail) to minimize use before it has been properly built.

Jeff Marchand requested clarification of ownership. He stated he observed remains of a foundation with a lot of trash; noting cleanup of the area would be necessary.

Dan Coons stated the State owns a 75' wide corridor along the rail trail. He stated the Town owns the parking lot and the side of the lot towards the intersection of Routes 28 and 109.

b. Michael Simmons; Application for a Building Permit on a Class VI Road; Tax Map #104-11

Jeff Marchand stated the slope from Stoneham Road to Stoddard Road is fairly steep and

questioned where the drainage would go once impervious surface area is added.

Dave Senecal stated there is no intent to pave and noted the BOS is holding a public hearing on the matter on 9/27/17.

Jeff Marchand stated the road currently washes out and questioned what would happen during a torrential rain storm.

Art Slocum expressed concern for setting precedent for future development since there are many Class VI roads and questioned the Town's position.

Dave Senecal stated there is no liability to the Town; noting a lot on a Class VI road can never be subdivided. He stated all applicants have to present the proposal to the BOS and a public hearing held.

Art Slocum questioned fire/police service.

Dave Senecal replied yes, if emergency services can access the lot. He stated the owner signs a waiver of liability form.

Art Slocum confirmed that the owner would be responsible for maintenance and plowing.

Dan Coons stated the Town has specific criteria that has to be met prior to approval. He noted the trees have been flagged; noting the trees are mostly small, approximately 4-6" in diameter and currently encroaching onto the road. He stated the lot is a typical wooded lot on a dirt road and noted a slight slope in the area the house is proposed to be constructed.

Brian Gifford stated the basic roadbed seemed decent; noting a slight slope to College Road.

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Jeff Marchand to inform the BOS the Conservation Commission has no objection to the application as submitted. Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Brian Gifford, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

c. Whiteface Mountain

Dan Coons stated a walk of the trail boundaries occurred on 8/27/17; noting a corner pipe was observed in the middle of Young's Brook upslope of the old beaver pond (4" in diameter with another 3" diameter pipe inside). He stated the boundaries are all flagged.

Art Slocum stated the Land Bank has not heard back from the landowner regarding the parking lot.

Dan Coons stated Integrity Earthworks offered to donate labor for the construction of the parking area; noting permission from the landowner is needed prior to construction.

Jeff Marchand asked if GPS cuts were done.

Dan Coons replied no.

Jeff Marchand stated he would consider volunteering to do blazes which would last longer than flagging which eventually decays when the weather gets cooler; noting such would be for the Town's future reference and not for hikers.

Dan Coons stated a logging road goes to the old beaver pond and noted it would be easy to add a trail in that location.

Ed Roundy questioned whether the beaver pond is active.

Dan Coons replied no, it is a historic pond, currently with no standing water.

Jeff Marchand stated there was once water and an active heron rookery and noted that currently there is 2-3" of water in Young's Brook, which is fed from the beaver pond.

Dan Coons stated there are a lot of herbaceous vegetation for the beavers to eat therefore, they will likely return. He stated he discussed the language of the easement with LRPC and also discussed the fundraising letter.

Art Slocum stated LRPC is losing representation on their Board from Wolfeboro/Tuftsboro in case anyone knows of a potential volunteer.

III. Other Business

- NHACC Annual Meeting scheduled for 11/4/17
- Land Bank is currently negotiating the purchase of an 8-acre parcel on Trask Mountain

Towns Garden Property

Dan Coons stated he left a message for Bruce Farr and Susan Poirier regarding cutting trees to allow for more sunlight at the Towns Garden property.

Jeff Marchand asked what happens to the wood that will be cut; noting it would be a waste for it to sit and rot.

Dan Coons stated in the past, cut wood from Town lots has been offered to the Welfare office to distribute to clients. He stated some of the ash trees are dead.

Lenore Clark stated it would be in line with the non-education piece of the mission of the Town Garden (i.e. to supply food to the local food bank) if the Commission offered the wood to the Welfare office.

Hoagland Special Use Permit, 13 Baas Drive

The Commission discussed the Planning Board denial of the Special Use Permit application for Jon Hoagland, 13 Baas Drive; noting the application was largely incomplete.

IV. Informational Items

None.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Art Slocum to adjourn the September 11, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Hendrickson

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***Minutes were prepared based on notes taken at the meeting by Lenore Clark.*