

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 10, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the virtual meeting at 6:31 pm.

Lenore Clark read the following:

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order #2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, III, the Committee has 8 members joining the meeting remotely, which a public body has the authorization to allow. At this time I would like to take a roll-call vote of ALL members present. For those participating virtually, please indicate your location and if you have any other individuals present in the room with you.

Members Present: Roll call: Lenore Clark – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Chair, Dan Coons – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Vice-Chair, Jeff Marchand – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Brian Gifford – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Nancy Byrd – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Members, Bob Gilbert – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Sarah Silk – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Alternates.

Votes taken during this meeting will be via roll call vote for ALL members.

In accordance with Emergency Order #12, for members of the public, this is to confirm that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means through GoToMeeting. All members of the public and Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the GoToMeeting platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #+1 (646) 749-3122 followed by the audio access code 870-687-373, or by video following the directions on the Town of Wolfeboro Website posted on the home page under the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; we previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting in-person or using GoToMeeting and in, and instructions are provided on the Town of Wolfeboro website at wolfeboronh.us on the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; if anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or computer, please immediately call 603-486-2692 OR email Hendrickson.leeann@gmail.com. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Member Absent: Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Warren Muir, Ed Roundy, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Clark appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Warren Muir, Member.

Chairman Clark appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Ed Roundy, Member.

I. **Approval of Minutes**

April 12, 2021

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Dan Coons to approve the April 12, 2021 Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Sarah Silk – yes, Bob Gilbert – yes. The motion passed (7-0).

April 9, 2021 Dredge & Fill Minutes

Corrections: Page 1, O'Brien application; add language sent to NHDES regarding the Commission's opinion of the application

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 9, 2021 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Sarah Silk – yes, Bob Gilbert – yes. The motion passed (7-0).

II. **Discussion Items**

a. **Conservation Commission Membership**

Lenore Clark informed the Commission that Jim Nupp is interested in becoming an Alternate member of the Commission; noting his request would be submitted to the BOS later this month.

b. **Invasive Species Management**

Lenore Clark stated she spoke with Lee Gilman regarding the contract and scheduling for the treatment of invasive species at the Front Bay Conservation Area and Towns Garden properties. She stated Mr. Gilman scheduled such for mid-September.

c. **Canoe Encroachments; Bill Rae Conservation Area & Front Bay Conservation Area**

Lenore Clark stated Dan Coons agreed to remove the canoe from the Front Bay Conservation Area property; noting the canoe will be donated to GALA if it is in good condition. She stated the canoe is considered abandoned since no one has contacted the Commission with regards to the ownership of the canoe.

Dan Coons stated he has not yet removed the canoe from the property.

Referencing the Bill Rae Conservation Area property, Jeff Marchand stated he spoke with the Wolfeboro Police Department (Captain Mark Livie); noting Officer Livie stated if the boats are not registered then NH Fish & Game could assist. He stated the Department is going to increase patrols in the area. He stated he made waterproof signs stating launching is permissible however, storage is not and that boats will be removed on May 20th if the boats have not been removed.

d. **Status of Grant Applications for Acquisition of TM #37-7 & 37-8**

Lenore Clark questioned the status of such.

Dan Coons stated there is no report/update.

e. **Town's Garden Property – Department of Public Works' Request**

Lenore Clark stated the Department of Public Works is repaving Goodrich Road and asked to use the Towns Garden property for a staging area. She stated she recommended Dave Ford contact Susan Poirier, Food Pantry Garden Coordinator.

Sarah Silk stated she is meeting with Dave Ford tomorrow and check in with him regarding such and determine a timeline for the paving. She stated she would also follow-up with Sue Poirier.

f. Mount Pleasant Acquisition

Lenore Clark stated Lakes Region Conservation Trust has acquired the Mount Pleasant property. She stated the Commission received a thank you note for its contribution towards the purchase.

Jim Nupp encouraged members of the Commission to visit the site.

g. Stormwater Management Regulations

Lenore Clark stated the Commission received a draft of the Stormwater Management Regulations that the Planning Board is in the process of reviewing.

Lee Ann Hendrickson stated the Planning Board reviewed the first draft of the regulations at their May 4th meeting and made initial changes to the regulations; noting the Planning Board has forwarded the revised regulations to the Conservation Commission for review and comment. She noted the Planning Board also forwarded the regulations to the Wentworth Watershed Association for review and comment; noting Rich Maase has already provided comments to the Planning Board that have not yet been reviewed by the Board.

Nancy Byrd asked who the regulations are for/who would the regulations be read by.

Lee Ann Hendrickson replied engineers who are submitting applications to the Planning Board.

Nancy Byrd recommended a checklist be incorporated into the regulations.

Dan Coons stated he would like to be involved with the review.

Referencing page 7 and pervious surface/pavement, Sarah Silk questioned whether the maintenance of such actually occurs; noting sand cannot be placed on the surface and the surface requires vacuuming. She asked how maintenance is enforced.

Dan Coons stated porous asphalt and concrete is not the only way to achieve a pervious surface; noting he doesn't believe a porous asphalt would be used in a residential setting. He stated if the surface is not maintained properly then it doesn't function as designed.

Jeff Marchand agrees with the inclusion of a checklist for the Code Enforcement Officer, commercial property owners and home owners. He noted there is no follow-up to NHDES approvals and the Conservation Commission doesn't know what actually happens. He recommended forwarding comments to Tavis Austin.

Lenore Clark recommended the language of the regulations be easy to understand. She stated she would forward Rich Maase's comments to the Commission.

h. Wolfeboro Waters

No report.

III. Other Business

Recycling of Plastics – Solid Waste Facility

Nancy Byrd questioned the recycling of plastics; noting there is no control of what is done with plastics.

Sarah Silk stated the Solid Waste Facility is now sorting plastics.

Jeff Marchand agreed with Ms. Byrd and stated it is his understanding that there was concern from the employees related to COVID that when the plastics were crushed there is a spray from the bottles (ie: water bottles) and the process of crushing and bailing the plastics could put the employees at risk.

Sarah Silk stated she is meeting with Adam Tasker tomorrow and would request that signage be posted relative to the recycling of plastics.

Beverly Woods stated when she receives confirmation of such, she will post the information on the website.

Jeff Marchand recommended using sandwich boards for advertising.

New London Bog & Walkway

Brian Gifford stated he watched a feature presentation on Chronicle on the New London bog and walkway.

Jeff Marchand stated he would review such and report back to the Commission. He stated the cost and availability of construction material remains an issue.

Fernald Station Parking Lot

Dan Coons questioned the status of the parking.

Lenore Clark the project requires a State driveway permit.

Lee Ann Hendrickson stated Matt Sullivan had required Site Plan Review approval from the Planning Board for the parking lot.

Dan Coons stated Tavis Austin may have a different outlook.

Jeff Marchand volunteered to file the driveway permit application once the Commission receives direction from Tavis Austin.

Hybrid Meetings

Lenore Clark stated other committees/boards are meeting with a hybrid set up (both in-person and virtual) however, Wolfeboro Community Television doesn't cover Conservation Commission meetings. She questioned whether the Commission would prefer to continue holding their meetings remotely.

Jeff Marchand stated he attended the BOS meeting virtually; noting such was not ideal and noted there is an elaborate setup for such.

Sarah Silk stated the Agricultural Commission tried to have a hybrid meeting and the acoustics echoed. She stated the virtual meeting produces better results.

Beverly Woods stated she would inform the Commission when a better hybrid meeting without Wolfeboro Community Television is developed.

Towns Garden Seed Planting

Jeff Marchand recommended the Commission being proactive with regard to invasive species and planting seeds of flowers (daylilies, zinnias, asters and mint) that attract bees. He stated he sees no harm in adding visual beauty while protecting bees.

It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Nancy Byrd to authorize the purchase of flower seeds, not to exceed \$50.00, to be planted at the Towns Garden property.

Discussion of the motion:

Lenore Clark recommended a native seed mixture.

Sarah Silk stated she would speak to Sue Poirier regarding volunteering to plant the seeds.

Jeff Marchand stated he would withdraw his motion to research types of flowers that aren't invasive and present the information at the next meeting.

Nancy Byrd withdrew her second.

Jim Nupp stated milkweed attracts both bees and monarch butterflies.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Jeff Marchand to adjourn the May 10, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Sarah Silk – yes, Bob Gilbert – yes. The motion passed (7-0).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Hendrickson

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