

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 13, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Members.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Richard O'Donnell, Member, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
January 9, 2017 Minutes**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the January 9, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
January 9, 2017**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the January 9, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Guest; Claude Roessiger

Claude Roessiger stated a small group of residents have founded a new organization "The Society for the Preservation of Rural Wolfeboro" (www.SPRWolfeboro.org). He noted such is a community wide organization and its mission is "the conservation and preservation of Wolfeboro's rural and agricultural zones that we may all enjoy them, protect them, and hand them down to our children as an integral part of our community." He stated 80% of land area in Wolfeboro is rural however, it's the 20% that receives the care. He stated their concern is that the rural area will become an indeterminate area, "kind of this, kind of that" and not something to be proud of. He stated the Town of Ossipee's rural areas are improving because the town has 70-80 miles of unpaved Class 4 & 5 roads unlike Wolfeboro that has about 10 miles of unpaved roads. He stated the Town of Ossipee has expertise with those roads and it shows. He stated the organization is not seeking to impose regulation but rather, develop a protocol of how they'd like the roads to look like. He stated the following could be addressed; metal signs, concrete culverts, protocol for scenic roads. He noted scenic roads in the Town of Ashland fall under the management of the Conservation Commission.

Dan Coons stated the Town (BOS) requests feedback from the Commission regarding work done on scenic roads.

Art Slocum asked if Dave Owen or Dave Ford agrees with Mr. Roessiger's opinion.

Claude Roessiger replied no.

Art Slocum questioned what Mr. Owen and Mr. Ford disputes.

Claude Roessiger stated Dave Ford has an idea of what code is and code is God; noting that Mr. Ford states he knows how to build dirt roads however, the Town's roads are not built well. He stated the road edges are unattractive.

Dan Coons stated the Planning Board is engaging in an update of the Master Plan and encouraged Mr. Roessiger to speak with them.

Claude Roessiger stated he has been to the Planning Board and spent an hour with Matt Sullivan and discussed coming to an agreement on how to take care of the roads.

Art Slocum stated Moose Mountain Regional Greenways has participated in a nine month process of conservation action planning; noting input was received from seven towns and the report will be completed in late spring.

Jeff Marchand recommended Mr. Roessiger and the organization review the Conserving Your Land booklet.

Claude Roessiger stated the organization donated to NH Preservation Alliance and has no desire to displace any person or organization.

Art Slocum stated the Land Bank and Conservation Commission maintain scenic views and recommended the organization speak to the Wolfeboro Tuftonboro Land Bank.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission secured access to Whiteface Mountain via Browns Ridge Road.

Claude Roessiger stated he would be discussing conservation easements with individuals to raise awareness.

b. Ryefield Marsh Trapping

Both Dan Coons and Staff informed the Commission that neither has received a response from Randy Hooper regarding his initial request to trap Ryefield Marsh.

c. Whiteface Mountain; Memorandum of Understanding & Conservation Easement

Dan Coons stated the Commission received the executed MOU for access and construction of a parking area to Whiteface Mountain. He stated the next step would be seeking cost estimates for the construction of the parking area. He also stated he received a draft Conservation Easement that has been reviewed by Mark Puffer, Town Counsel, and Roger Murray III (Counsel for the Land Bank).

d. Bridger Easement

Jeff Marchand stated he has received three examples of conservation easements and is in the process of reviewing such. He stated that once he completes his review and drafts an easement he would then submit such to the Land Bank.

e. McBride Property & Front Bay Park; Property Monitoring

The Commission tabled scheduling the monitoring of the McBride property.

f. Bill Rae Conservation Area; Winter Access & Parking

Staff informed the Commission that she received a call from Preston Shea who requested access to the Bill Rae Conservation Area (for snow shoeing). He stated the entrance to the property (via Sargents Pond Road) is blocked with snow and the residents of the private road do not want people parking in the road. He questioned whether the Commission could plow up to the gate to allow for parking.

The Commission discussed such and agreed to inquire with the current residents the contractor that plows Sargents Pond Road (private road) and request said contractor to provide access to the property.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

Richard O'Donnell Resignation

Dan Coons stated Richard O'Donnell has resigned as an Alternate from the Commission.

NHACC Annual Membership

Staff stated the Commission received an invoice for the 2017 NHACC Membership dues in the amount of \$522.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to submit payment to NHACC for the 2017 Membership dues in the amount of \$522. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

V. Informational Items

The Commission was provided the following informational items; NH DES Wetlands Bureau correspondence.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to adjourn the February 13, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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