

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Gail Antonucci, Richard O'Donnell, Members.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Jeff Marchand, Member, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:40 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
August 8, 2016 Minutes**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the August 8, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
August 8, 2016**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the August 8, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
August 12, 2016**

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Richard O'Donnell to approve the August 12, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Art Slocum, Richard O'Donnell voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
August 22, 2016**

It was moved by Richard O'Donnell and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the August 22, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Art Slocum, Richard O'Donnell voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Deutsch Easement (288 Haines Hill Road)

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Erica Horsken who is the current owner of the property that the Deutsch Easement is placed on. He stated Ms. Horsken is interested in cutting down trees on the property (maximum amount) for personal use (firewood). He stated Ms. Horsken is also interested in bringing some of the wood to a mill. He stated he advised her to prepare a Forest Management Plan.

Lenore Clark stated Ms. Horsken's intent for the property is to expand the family (Horsken) farm.

b. Bridger Easement

Dan Coons stated that Jeff Marchand has approached the Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro with regard to placing an easement on 40 acres of his property; noting the property abuts Whiteface Mountain. He stated the name Bridger is in honor of a famous pioneer and mountain man, Jim Bridger, for whom the Bridger Wilderness in Wyoming is named. He stated Don McBride, Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro, has asked if the Commission is willing to partner with them regarding the easement acquisition.

Art Slocum stated the property is a great wildlife habitat and abuts Youngs Brook. He noted the proposal has merit however, is currently in the preliminary stages of discussion.

Ed Roundy asked if the Commission has surveyed the land with regard to wildlife species.

Dan Coons replied no. He noted the Commission would discuss the proposal further at the next meeting.

c. Goodwins Basin Signage

The Commission discussed signage for the Goodwins Basin parcels, to be located at both the Cotton Valley Rail Trail and the Historic Marker. The Commission agreed to place a two-sided sign, to be hung on a post, at the location of the Historic Marker and a single sided wooden sign on the Cotton Valley Rail Trail to include a photograph of the scenic view from Center Street on the sign. Language for the signs will be submitted to Staff.

d. NH DOT Harvey Brook Project

The Commission reviewed the NH DOT letter, dated August 18, 2016, regarding the project to repair the existing box culvert carrying Harvey Brook under Route 28. The proposal includes removing the deteriorated culvert wing walls, extend the outlet end of the box approximately 4' and construct 8-10' long wing walls in order to move the box away from the travel way and allow room to install a guardrail. The letter states that engineering studies have been initiated to refine the scope and limits of the work necessary for the project and NH DES is evaluating the potential environmental impacts associated with the project. NH DOT has requested the Commission notify them of any concerns relative to the projects potential impacts on environmental resources such as wetlands and invasive plant species.

The Commission noted no objection or concerns regarding the proposal.

III. Old Business

Whiteface Mountain; Conservation Easement Deed, Trailhead Access

No report.

Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring

Dan Coons noted the traps need to be checked.

IV. New Business

Boundary Markers at Towns Garden Property

Ed Roundy reported that an abutter to the Towns Garden property observed markers along his property line and questioned such. He stated he went to the site and observed that there were boundary markers placed in error and have been relocated.

V. Informational Items

The Commission was provided Student Conservation Association Final Hitch Report, 2016 NH DES Annual Fall Drawdown Schedule for Lakes and Ponds and NH DES correspondence.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the September 12, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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