

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

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

**Members Absent:** Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Richard O'Donnell, Members, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

**Staff Present:** Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

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

Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Richard O'Donnell, Member.

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

**October 10, 2016 Minutes**

**Correction:** Page 2, Section IV., 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph; strike "\$10" and replace with "\$10,000"

**It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the October 10, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Dan Coons, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.**

**Dredge & Fill Minutes**

**October 19, 2016**

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the October 19, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Art Slocum, Dan Coons, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.**

**Dredge & Fill Minutes**

**October 28, 2016**

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the October 28, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Dan Coons, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.**

**Dredge & Fill Minutes**  
**November 18, 2016**

*It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the November 18, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Art Slocum, Dan Coons, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.*

**Dredge & Fill Minutes**  
**December 5, 2016**

*It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the December 5, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Art Slocum, Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Gail Antonucci, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.*

**II. Discussion Items**

**a. Willey Brook Trail Improvements**

Referencing the proposed biking trails at Willey Brook, Art Slocum expressed concern for safety.

Lenore Clark recommended placing signs “Ride at Your Own Risk”; noting she feels such is inherent in the sport.

Sarah Silk asked if the width of the trail is being built to standard.

Art Slocum replied yes, however he is still concerned with safety.

Ed Roundy asked if Andrew Lester is representing an organization.

Dan Coons replied no.

Andrew Lester, Bella Terra Trail Design, submitted a revised proposal for design and construction of 3 miles of single track trails at Willey Brook. He stated the trails would be laid out to maximize any naturally interesting areas and include manufactured wooden features and an estimated 300’ of low ladder bridges (skinnies) over sensitive areas along with fun challenges utilizes natural features. He stated the slash from the previous logging operation would also be cleaned up.

Dan Coons questioned the standard minimum width between trees.

Andrew Lester replied 30”. He stated the trails would be constructed for all abilities.

Ed Roundy asked if there would be bike competitions at the site.

Andrew Lester replied yes, fat bike races, cross country and time trials.

Dan Coons stated there would only be races if someone is interested in organizing the event.

Ed Roundy stated the Fernald Station parking lot is also used by the railroad organization and requested being mindful of such.

Andrew Lester reviewed the cost estimate for the project; \$30,000 (\$10,000 for design, layout to include mapping and flagging and defining the three miles, \$6,500 after completion of first mile, \$6,500 after completion of second mile and \$7,000 after completion of third mile).

Dan Coons questioned the completion date of the project.

Andrew Lester replied December 2017; noting the first mile of trail should be rideable at the beginning of the season. He stated the trails would need pruning after three years.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to contract services with Bella Terra Trail Design to design and construct 3 miles of single track trails at Willey Brook in the amount of \$30,000. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**b. Whiteface Mountain; Memorandum of Understanding**

The Commission reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding provided by Roger Murray III and recommended the following;

- Page 2, subparagraph 3.; change “review” to “renew”

**c. McBride Property & Front Bay Park; Property Monitoring**

The Commission scheduled the annual monitoring of Front Bay Park and the McBride property for 12/13/16 at 9 AM (meet at the Front Bay Park parking lot).

**d. WAP**

Dan Coons stated he met with Amanda Stone and discussed having a public information session.

The Commission discussed such and agreed to contact the Libby Museum regarding hosting the public meeting. The Commission discussed advertising efforts regarding such.

**e. Bridger Easement**

*Jeff Marchand recused himself.*

Jeff Marchand explained that the Land Bank approached him regarding preserving his 40+ acres of property which has 1600’ of frontage on Youngs Brook. He stated he submitted a proposal to the Land Bank; noting such focuses on habitat (“wild forever”) rather than recreation. He stated the proposal does not exclude public foot traffic and there would not be posting of the property unless the use is being abused. He stated he does not want formal trails however, hikers are welcome and has requested his right to timber harvest. He stated he is waiting for a response from the Land Bank. He stated his intent is to set aside the land from development.

The Commission discussed educational opportunities and discussed the following; easement holder, appraisal, shared cost for such with the Land Bank, proper forest management and preservation of wildlife habitat.

**III. Old Business**

None.

**IV. New Business**

**ZBA Scheduled Meetings**

The Commission discussed the scheduling of the ZBA meetings; noting that for years the meetings were scheduled the first and third Monday of each month. The Commission noted the ZBA meeting schedule has been changed and often times meets on the second Tuesday of the month; noting that Dave Senecal and Sarah Silk are not able to attend the Conservation Commission meetings as a result.

Dan Coons stated he would speak to Matt Sullivan, Director of Planning and Development, regarding such.

**Ryefield Marsh**

Dan Coons stated there may be an opportunity to bridge a connection between the Nelson property and Ryefield Marsh in order to access the rail trail.

**V. Informational Items**

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

**It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the December 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 8:28 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*

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