

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
February 8, 2021  
APPROVED MINUTES**

*Chairman Clark opened the virtual meeting at 6:37 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 7 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, Warren Muir – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Art Slocum – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Jeff Marchand – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Brian Gifford – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Members, Nancy Byrd – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Alternate.

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](mailto: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.

**Members Absent:** Ed Roundy, Member, Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

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

*Chairman Clark appointed Nancy Byrd, Alternate, to sit in for Ed Roundy, Member.*

I. Approval of Minutes  
December 14, 2020

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Dan Coons to approve the December 14, 2020 Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Art Slocum - yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Dredge & Fill Minutes  
January 14, 2021

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the January 14, 2021 Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – abstained, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Art Slocum - abstained. The motion passed (5-0-2).

II. Discussion Items

a. **Lee Gilman Associates – Invasive Species Management**

Lee Gilman reviewed different strategies to eradicate invasive species and reviewed chemical herbicides.

Lenore Clark confirmed that as a licensed commercial applicator treatment can be applied to up to the water's edge.

Lee Gilman stated the chemicals are labeled for use up to the water's edge.

Warren Muir questioned the use of glyphosate.

Lee Gilman stated there are regulatory issues relative to the site where the application is done.

Nancy Byrd questioned alternatives if the Commission does not opt for use of glyphosate.

Lee Gilman stated other herbicides are available and reviewed those alternatives.

Nancy Byrd stated she does not feel that glyphosate should be used and feels it's causing major extinction in the environment.

Lee Gilman asked what extinctions.

Nancy Byrd replied bees, butterflies and significant harm to fish that have been exposed. She stated honey bee and monarch butterfly numbers are down.

Lee Gilman stated glyphosate does not cause direct impact to butterflies; noting such is not an insecticide and is not aware of any correlation to butterflies.

Nancy Byrd stated she has evidence to support her statements and asked to allow her to continue research and prepare a document of her findings for the next meeting. She questioned alternative treatment options.

Lee Gilman stated he would provide the Commission with a document from the Department of Agriculture (Control of Invasive Plants).

Warren Muir questioned the alternative if glyphosate is not used.

Lee Gilman stated Triclopyr doesn't kill grasses but is soil active and can pick up roots; noting such is sprayed on cut surfaces of the stems. He stated such is appropriate for treatment of small targeted areas. He stated the Front Bay and Towns Garden properties are fully invaded therefore, reclamation efforts are more appropriate.

Lenore Clark stated she spoke with Wendy Scribner regarding the issue; noting Ms. Scribner forwarded her information provided by the Nature Conservancy called "Herbicide Use in Natural Areas." She stated she would forward such to the Commission.

Nancy Byrd questioned the date of the document.

Lenore Clark replied 2011.

Nancy Byrd stated she is accumulating evidence that is raising red flags in her mind.

Lee Gilman stated pollinators are the least impacted.

Nancy Byrd stated the chemical attacks plants and the bee population is down 80%.

Lee Gilman stated its use in agriculture is generally on monoculture crop over expansive acres and is not an issue with pollinators. He stated the diversity of the ecosystem is pollinator protection at its core.

Warren Muir questioned the process over the next 2-3 years.

Lee Gilman stated following treatment in the first year is the most visible change and one year following the treatment remnants will appear and the species will continue to grow. He stated follow-up intervention will be required.

Warren Muir confirmed there would be an active program for the next few years.

Lee Gilman recommended 100% reclamation of the sites including follow-up foliage treatment in a couple of years.

Jeff Marchand stated the issue right now from the public is about Round Up. He stated he appreciates the scientific backup being provided.

Nancy Byrd stated there is new data that needs to be considered.

Jeff Marchand replied anecdotal data.

Nancy Byrd disagreed.

Lenore Clark stated she recalls Mr. Gilman stating that hand pulling can exacerbate the issue and asked which plant such relates to.

Lee Gilman replied woody vines; noting that such sprout when cut and encouraged that the plants, such as Bittersweet, not be cut unless the stem is going to be treated.

Brian Gifford stated he observed Mr. Gilman applying the herbicide; noting such was applied by using an ultra-low volume wand. He stated BMPs were used.

**b. Wentworth Watershed Association Property (Formerly McBride Property)**

Lenore Clark informed the Commission that the Wentworth Watershed Association is negotiating on a parcel that abuts the former McBride property and Heath Brook property.

Art Slocum recommended review of the easements and asked if there is language that precludes trails and signage.

Lenore Clark stated there are already trails and signage on the property.

Jeff Marchand agreed with Mr. Slocum; noting the easement should be reviewed and volunteered to do such. He stated he was informed by the Wentworth Watershed Association that they are working with an Eagle Scout proposal for an outdoor classroom, amphitheater style seating for 20-25 people in a semi-circle formation.

Dan Coons stated he walked Heath Brook last year and is currently working on the Baseline Documentation report.

**c. Willey Brook - Trail Construction (new 1-mile)**

Dan Coons stated he informed Andrew Lester that the Commission requested sketches and approval from the Code Enforcement Officer.

**d. Bean Park**

Lenore Clark stated she received an email from Donna Dicasparo requesting approval for the donation of a granite bench to be placed at Bean Park. She stated she reviewed the easement; noting the parcel is owned by the Bean family and the Conservation Commission holds the conservation easement. She stated the easement also states that up to six picnic tables are allowed.

**It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the request to place a granite bench at Bean Park. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Art Slocum - yes. The motion passed (7-0).**

**e. Wolfeboro Waters**

Warren Muir stated the 2020 analytical results have been delayed due to the pandemic. He stated Paul O'Brien is stepping down as Selectmen and from Wolfeboro Waters; noting he is also the chair of the Communications Committee. He stated the proposed budget for Wolfeboro Waters was accepted and included in the Town's operating budget.

Art Slocum stated the Lake Winnepesaukee Association wants to extend the watershed management plan to include Front Bay, Back Bay and Jockey Cove. He stated warrant article #14 (\$50,000) address a capital reserve fund for water mitigation efforts; noting the Wolfeboro Waters Committee supports the article. He stated the capital reserve fund is needed to use for matching grants.

Warren Muir stated a watershed management plan is necessary in order to qualify for State and Federal matching funds.

**III. NHDES Applications**

**Tracey Pejouhy**

**Tax Map #227-20**

**Minimum Impact Expedited**

The applicant proposes the repair of an existing grandfathered breakwater and cantilevered dock and installation of a seasonal boatlift and seasonal canopy.

***The Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted no objection to the Tracey Pejouhy Minimum Impact Expedited application, Tax Map #227-20.***

**Patrick and Susan Sharp**

**Tax Map #242-11**

**Standard Dredge & Fill**

The applicant proposes to remove and replace a concrete boat ramp with a single family perched beach.

***The Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted no objection to the Patrick and Susan Sharp Standard Dredge & Fill application, Tax Map #242-11.***

**IV. Other Business**

Jeff Marchand stated that if a member of the Commission has a position on a matter to put forth that position in a motion and move forward in a professional manner.

Nancy Byrd stated she would prepare a document for the next meeting relative to her concerns regarding the method of treatment of invasive species.

Art Slocum stated there were over 300 comments on social media regarding the treatment of invasive species yet not one person attended tonight's Commission meeting to discuss the matter. He stated he is on social media and no one reached out to him privately.

Warren Muir stated that no one attended the BOS meeting either.

Lenore Clark stated she has been contacted by two people; both of which she has responded to

***It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Warren Muir to adjourn the February 8, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Art Slocum - yes. The motion passed (7-0).***

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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