

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
March 14, 2022  
APPROVED MINUTES**

*Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:37 pm.*

**Members Present:** Lenore Clark, Chair, Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Warren Muir, Nancy Byrd, Members, Jim Nupp, Alternate.

**Members Absent:** Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Bob Gilbert, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

**I. Approval of Minutes  
February 14, 2022**

***It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to table the February 14, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.***

**Dredge & Fill Minutes  
February 23, 2022**

***It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the February 23, 2022 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Nancy Byrd, Warren Muir, Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.***

**March 4, 2022**

***It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the March 4, 2022 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Nancy Byrd, Warren Muir, Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.***

**II. Discussion Items**

**a. MOU Between Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance & Wolfeboro Conservation Commission**

Lenore Clark stated she recirculated the revised MOU to the Commission on 2/22/22. She stated that Jeff Marchand had questioned liability and noted the original MOU included a liability section.

Jeff Marchand recommended striking “abutting landowners” and stated he is concerned that the statement adds responsibility to the Commission. He stated any notation he made in red on the document was a recommendation to strike the language.

Lenore Clark questioned the timing of the approval and recommended adding the name of the reference document to Section III.A.4.a.

Dan Coons stated the BOS would like to see the MOU formalized for use by their trails subcommittee.

Jim Nupp agreed to striking “abutting landowners.”

The Commission agreed to the following changes;

- Section III.A.4.a.; insert reference document/organization

- Incorporate Jeff Marchand's recommendations
- Strike "abutting landowners"

**It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the revised Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance and Wolfeboro Conservation Commission MOU as amended. Lenore Clark, Nancy Byrd, Warren Muir, Jeff Marchand, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.**

Jim Nupp confirmed the document as amended would be forwarded to Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance for review and then forwarded to the Commission's attorney.

**b. Survey Quote for Tax Map #37-7 & 37-8**

Dan Coons stated he gave the approval to the low bidder (Jim Hambrook, \$3500) to proceed with the survey of Tax Map #37-7 & 8.

Lenore Clark stated the warrant article passed therefore, the Commission and Lakes Region Conservation Trust can proceed with the conservation easement.

**c. Beaver Exclusion Device – Goodwins Basin Property**

Lenore Clark stated Noreen MacDonald received an estimate of \$2,300 for a beaver exclusion device. She stated Ms. MacDonald asked how much the Commission could contribute to such. She stated the person constructing the device hasn't visited the site to take measurements. She noted the person prefers to build steel devices rather than wood devices.

Dan Coons stated he has an issue with being asked for money to fix an issue that is not an issue of the Commission.

Jim Nupp stated a more equitable plan would be to speak with Mike Weeks to discuss available grants.

Lenore Clark stated the Commission recommended an alternative to killing the beavers and recommended a beaver exclusion device.

Jeff Marchand asked if the device will be placed on the Town's property.

Lenore Clark replied yes. She stated they didn't want to place the trap on the rail trail due to people, dogs, and visibility. She stated the Commission was asked if the beavers could be trapped on the Town's property and the Commission recommended using an exclusionary device. She stated she would speak to Noreen MacDonald.

**d. Stormwater Regulations Public Hearing**

Lenore Clark stated the Planning Board's public hearing on Stormwater Regulations are scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the Commission would authorize her to make a general statement of support.

The Commission gave Ms. Clark authorization to speak on behalf of the Commission.

**e. Trails Subcommittee**

Lenore Clark stated the Planning Board is creating a subcommittee for trail building.

Dan Coons stated Tavis Austin feels that a Special Use Permit should not be required for footpaths/bike trails and wants input regarding such. He stated Tavis Austin has requested Planning Board and Conservation Commission members be members of the subcommittee.

**f. Abenaki Pond; Signage & Picnic Table**

Lenore Clark stated Amy Muccio's daughters are in Girls Scouts and are looking for a service project; noting there is a plan for a picnic table at the site and interpretive signage around the pond. She stated Dan Coons would be assisting the Girl Scouts.

Jeff Marchand stated he hopes a maintenance provision is presented.

The Commission agreed to support the Girls Scouts' service project to place a picnic table at the Abenaki Pond site and interpretive signage around the pond, including a maintenance provision.

**g. Whiteface Mountain; Eagle Scout Project**

Jeff Marchand recommended a site visit at the Whiteface Mountain parking lot to determine the location of the kiosk.

**h. Membership Renewal**

Lenore Clark stated Ed Roundy and Nancy Byrd have decided not to renew their appointments and Jim Nupp has requested an appointment as a full member. She stated Brenda Jorett has submitted a request for appointment to the Commission.

**i. Wolfeboro Waters**

Warren Muir stated Upper Beach Pond has not previously been included in the monitoring program however, it will now be included in order to develop a baseline. He stated the first monitoring of Sargent's Pond was done.

**III. Other Business**

**Saving Special Places**

Virtual conference scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Conservation of Alton Tax Map #51-1**

Jim Nupp stated there is a 78.68 parcel located in Alton that is for sale (\$350,000); noting the property abuts Knight's Pond and a wilderness management area. He stated Mike Morin, Access Fund, has been in contact with Lakes Region Conservation Trust and will be approaching the Land Bank to discuss preserving the property. He stated Mike Morin is enlisting groups in the area, including the Alton Conservation Commission. He stated the Access Fund had an appraisal done and noted the property was appraised at \$320,000. He stated the acreage in Wolfeboro is unknown because that boundary line has not been surveyed. He stated he will forward information on the Access Fund. He noted the abutting property to Tax Map #51-1 is owned by Society for the Protection of NH Forests (the property is known as Devil's Den) which is located in Alton and New Durham.

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. Adjournment**

**It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Nancy Byrd to adjourn the March 14, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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