

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
May 9, 2022  
APPROVED MINUTES**

*Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:35 pm.*

**Members Present:** Lenore Clark, Chair, Brian Gifford, Brenda Jorett, Jim Nupp, Warren Muir, Members, Sarah Silk, Peter Foley, Alternates.

**Members Absent:** Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Jeff Marchand, Members, Bob Gilbert, Alternate.

*Lenore Clark appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member, and appoint Peter Foley, Alternate, to sit in for Dan Coons, Member.*

**I. Approval of Minutes  
April 11, 2022**

**Corrections:** Page 1, March 14, 2022 minutes motion; change “table” to “approve”

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brenda Jorett to approve the April 11, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Dredge & Fill Minutes  
April 5, 2022**

Referencing page 3, 8<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom of the paragraph (notation regarding the pitch of the roof to maximize solar panel use), Sarah Silk stated there are no solar panels proposed for the project.

Lenore Clark stated at the time of the Commission’s review the application has not yet been submitted and was part of a pre-application phase; noting the minutes accurately reflect what was proposed at the time of the review.

Warren Muir stated the use of solar panels and roof pitch was discussed at the Planning Board meeting.

Sarah Silk stated that such is no longer an option.

Brenda Jorett stated the applicant is proposing a ground array.

Sarah Silk noted the applicant is proposing two ground arrays. Referencing the comment relative to the concern for the amount of vehicular traffic, she stated based on the information provided 2,400 trips/day was calculated.

**It was moved by Brenda Jorett and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the April 5, 2022 Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Sarah Silk, Brenda Jorett, Jim Nupp, Peter Foley, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed.**

**April 25, 2022**

**Correction:** Page 2, last sentence of paragraph; change “the entire” to “a quorum”

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brenda Jorett to approve the April 25, 2022 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Lenore Clark, Sarah Silk, Brenda Jorett, Peter Foley, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Jim Nupp, Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed.**

**April 29, 2022**

**Correction:** strike first paragraph under Members Present.

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brenda Jorett to approve the April 29, 2022 Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Lenore Clark voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Brenda Jorett, Peter Foley, Brian Gifford, Jim Nupp, Warren Muir abstained. The motion failed.**

## **II. Discussion Items**

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

Warren Muir questioned the Commission's views on possible uses of the Commission's trails and priorities for different possible uses (walking, running, pet walking, horseback riding, etc.). He questioned which trails would be included. He stated he wants to ensure the Commission's interests are the same as Wolfeboro Single Track Alliance's interests. He asked whether the Commission has developed a philosophy of the use of the trails.

Lenore Clark asked Mr. Muir if his question is specific to Willey Brook or Trask Mountain.

Peter Foley stated the MOU doesn't specify whether it is limited to only Willet Brook and Trask Mountain.

Sarah Silk stated if Lakes Region Conservation Trust or another entity is involved then it is clear what uses are permitted.

Warren Muir questioned the range of permitted uses and asked what the signage would state.

Jim Nupp stated there are issues with e-bikes on the Cotton Valley Trail and reviewed the different types of e-bikes.

Referencing Section III, A., 1., Peter Foley asked how WSTA has the right to say such.

Brenda Jorett asked if the Commission recognizes WSTA as a major partner (as stated in the MOU).

Peter Foley expressed concern regarding the language of the MOU.

Following further discussion, the Commission agreed to and noted the following;

- Submit the draft MOU for review and comment by Jim Cowles, Conservation Commission Attorney
- Deed research on both Willey Brook and Trask Mountain to determine governance of the properties
- Determine entity responsible for trail management
- Can an MOU be applied to both properties
- Separate MOUs for each parcel
- Signage – if the property is posted relative to the uses of the property is there a need to enforce such
- Contact Bureau of Trails if needed – request a template for an MOU

The Commission agreed to schedule a strategic planning session relative to priorities for properties managed by the Commission. The Commission agreed to schedule such in fall 2022.

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

No report.

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

Lenore Clark stated Noreen MacDonald is continuing to seek grant funding for such and noted a decision would be made next week.

**d. Back Bay Acquisition Project**

The Commission discussed the preservation of the property and fundraising related to such. The Commission agreed to submit a letter of support to accompany the LCHIP application (application due June 22<sup>nd</sup>) and agreed to vote on such at the next meeting.

**e. Whiteface Mountain – Eagle Scout Project, Parking Area Expansion, Conservation Easement**

Lenore Clark stated there is no report on the Eagle Scout Project. Referencing the site walk with LRCT, she stated that locations for the kiosks and the parking area were discussed. She stated no violations were observed. She noted that LRCT continues to work on the language of the conservation easement due to LCHIP requirements.

Jim Nupp encouraged a site visit by the members of the Commission.

**f. Deutsch Easement Monitoring**

Lenore Clark stated a monitoring walk will be scheduled; noting Dan Coons and Brian Gifford will be attending.

Jim Nupp asked to be included in such.

**g. Wolfeboro Waters**

No report.

**III. Other Business**

**Brewster Heath**

Lenore Clark stated Julie Brown informed her that eighteen educational signs will soon be installed along the Brewster Heath trails.

**Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP)**

Lenore Clark stated two representatives from LCIP will be walking the former McBride property and Front Bay Park.

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

Jim Nupp stated the property has been purchased and the Access Fund will be approaching the new owner to discuss cliff access for climbers.

**Emerald Ash Borer**

Jim Nupp stated the Lakes Region is under fire from the Emerald Ash Borer and noted 30% of the State is affected by such. He reviewed treatment options and recommended an article in the paper or announcement on WASR to make people aware that the trees can be saved.

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. NH DES Dredge & Fill Application Review**

**Zephyr Lane, LLC**

**10 Zephyr Lane, Crescent Lake**

**Tax Map #191-75**

## **Standard Dredge & Fill**

The applicant proposes to remove an existing seasonal dock and install a 6'x30' dock with a 6'x16' "L" along the shore anchored to an existing concrete pad.

***The Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted no objection to the Zephyr Lane, LLC Standard Dredge & Fill application, Tax Map #191-75.***

## **VI. Adjournment**

***It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brenda Jorett to adjourn the May 9, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.***

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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