

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

June 10, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chairman, Dan Coons, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Warren Muir, Members, Nancy Byrd, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Members, Bob Pierpont, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 6:36 PM at the Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

Chairman Clark appointed Nancy Byrd, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member, and appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Brian Gifford, Member.

I. Consideration of Minutes

May 13, 2019 Minutes

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the May 13, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

May 13, 2019

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the May 13, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

May 17, 2019

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the May 17, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Lenore Clark, Nancy Byrd, Ed Roundy, Warren Muir, Dan Coons voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

June 3, 2019

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the June 3, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Nancy Byrd, Ed Roundy, Warren Muir, Dan Coons voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. The Bridger Wildlife Habitat Conservation Easement/Marchand

Lenore Clark stated the BOS are reviewing such on 6/19/19; noting Dan Coons and Jeff Marchand are attending the meeting.

Staff informed the Commission that title insurance has been purchased, per direction at their previous meeting. She noted that if the BOS approve the conservation easement then a closing will be scheduled for the following week.

b. Bill Rae Conservation Area

Lenore Clark stated the Town received a call from a resident of Sargent's Pond Road complaining of excessive dumping of trash. She stated Adam Tasker noted that he would send Highway employees to clean up the area. She noted that littering has been a continual problem and questioned whether "no dumping" signs should be placed on the property. She also questioned whether such would be affective.

Dan Coons asked if anyone has gone to the site.

Lenore Clark stated she didn't direct anyone to do so after Mr. Tasker stated he would address the issue.

Warren Muir stated there wasn't a lot of trash on site when he was there three weeks ago.

Lenore Clark stated the email exchanges discussed an increase in police presence of the area.

Nancy Byrd stated she would go to the site tomorrow.

c. Land Donation; Tax Map #187-28

Dan Coons stated he spoke with Mr. Carrier (owner of the property). He stated the lot is wet; noting there is a large wetland in the middle of the lot and suspects it could be a vernal pool which has wetland function and value.

Sarah Silk asked if the lot has any value to the Commission.

Lenore Clark replied possibly stormwater retention.

Sarah Silk asked if the property is connected to other Town owned lots.

Dan Coons replied no.

Art Slocum asked if the church's parking lot (abutting property) drains onto the lot.

Dan Coons replied no.

Ed Roundy questioned the acreage of the parcel.

Dan Coons replied .27 acres.

Sarah Silk asked if the Conservation Commission will be responsible for monitoring the property.

Dan Coons stated the Commission would be given management of the parcel.

Sarah Silk asked if there are any fees associated with the acquisition and whether those fees would be paid for by the current owner. She stated the owner should be responsible for such fees.

Lenore Clark stated such hasn't been discussed with the owner however, it could be.

Sarah Silk questioned the value of the lot.

Dan Coons replied \$67,000; noting the value was \$87,000 in 2015.

Ed Roundy confirmed the lot is not buildable.

Dan Coons stated the lot has not been deemed unbuildable.

Ed Roundy stated there is no real conservation value other than that it is a wetland area.

Lenore Clark stated if it is a vernal pool then the ecological value of the lot would increase.

Sarah Silk asked if there are association dues (Port Wedeln Association) and if the Town would have to pay dues. She recommended reviewing the association documents and bylaws and ensure the Town does not have to pay the dues.

Staff informed the Commission the dues are \$175/year.

Dan Coons stated he would email Frank Buonomi, Association President, the Commission's questions.

It was moved by Dan Coons to accept the donation of Tax Map #187-28. There being no second, the motion failed.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Sarah Silk to table consideration of the acquisition of Tax Map #187-28 until receipt of and legal review of Port Wedeln Association documents to address issues noted by the Commission. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Nancy Byrd, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Dan Coons opposed.

d. Trask Mountain; Trail Building

Dan Coons stated he has two emails out for competing bids (Jed Talbot and Sinuosity) to design and construct 3 miles of trail; noting he has not received a cost estimate to date. He stated he doesn't understand why the Commission can't hire SCA to construct trails at Trask Mountain; noting the Commission hasn't sought three bids for prior projects. He read the following excerpt from an email from Davis Bush, SCA, dated 5/29/19; "As of now we are the only organization in NH that organizations do not need to find other bids for the work they are seeking to have completed for the Recreational Trails Program and through the State as well. As an AmeriCorps program the federal government allows organizations to hire our crews much faster for a variety of reasons." He stated he wonders if this exempts the procurement policy process.

e. Willey Brook; Trail Construction & Parking Area

Dan Coons stated he is retrieving cost estimates for trail construction; noting Wolfeboro Single Track is no longer an option to design and construct one mile of trail.

Staff asked if the proposed parking area would be accessed by a new entrance off of Route 109.

Dan Coons replied yes.

Staff stated a driveway permit may be required.

Dan Coons stated he believes Erik Groves, Southern Maine Forestry, may have already gotten a driveway permit. He stated Rich Baldwin provided a cost estimate of \$6,175 for the construction of the parking area.

Staff noted the Commission received a cost estimate today from Evans Brothers. She stated the two estimates were provided; \$6,796 (8" gravel) and \$6,200 (6" gravel). She stated the estimate includes the construction of an 80x40 parking area (3200 SF) and construction of a 20x50 driveway (1000 SF), 216 yards of fill (delivered & spread), gravel (delivered & spread), removal of brush and excavator.

f. Cyanobacteria Task Force

Lenore Clark stated the Assessment Committee would be submitting a draft to the BOS.

Nancy Byrd stated Dave Ford developed a flow chart. She noted a cyanobacteria conference is scheduled at Squam Lakes.

Lenore Clark stated the "How to Identify Cyanobacteria" training is scheduled for 6/26/19, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM at Brewster Academy Pinckney Boathouse. She stated an RSVP to Warren Muir is needed.

Warren Mur stated approximately 80 people are attending the training. He stated the State is interested in doing additional analysis; noting UNH has provided a lot of equipment. He expressed concern for the amount of rainfall this spring.

Lenore Clark stated there is a delay in the permitting of BMP's (mitigation projects) on Forest Road.

Sarah Silk asked how information is getting out to the public.

Lenore Clark stated the Communications Committee is addressing such.

Warren Muir stated some educational information will be provided and other communications such as reporting a bloom will also be provided. She stated the Committee is looking into an automated notification system. He stated he procured a GoPro.

III. Other Business

N/A

IV. Correspondence

The Commission received the following correspondence; Rust Pond Boat Launch and Stormwater Improvements Mitigation Project, Proposed Sidewalks on Bay Street Public Meeting Invitation (6/24/19, Great Hall, 6:30 PM) and NHDES correspondence.

V. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Warren Muir to adjourn the June 10, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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