

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
April 10, 2023  
APPROVED MINUTES**

*Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 10:05 am.*

**Members Present:** Lenore Clark, Chair, Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Peter Foley Members, Sarah Silk, Warren Muir, Bob Gilbert, Alternates.

**Members Absent:** Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Jim Nupp, Brenda Jorett, Members.

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

*Lenore Clark appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jim Nupp and appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Brenda Jorett, Member.*

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**December 12, 2022 Nonpublic Session**

**It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Dan Coons to approve the December 12, 2022 Conservation Commission nonpublic session minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Peter Foley, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Bob Gilbert, Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed (4-0-3).**

**March 13, 2023**

**Correction:** Page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line; insert “abstained” following “Nupp”

**It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the March 13, 2023 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Brian Gifford, Dan Coons, Sarah Silk, Jeff Marchand, Bob Gilbert, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Peter Foley abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).**

**March 13, 2023 Dredge & Fill**

**Correction:** Page 1, Janet R. Cormier Trust, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; add “wooden” prior to “piling”

**It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Dan Coons to approve the March 13, 2023 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Brian Gifford, Dan Coons, Sarah Silk, Jeff Marchand, Bob Gilbert, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Peter Foley abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).**

**March 22, 2023 Dredge & Fill**

**It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the March 22, 2023 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Bob Gilbert voted in favor. Dan Coons, Peter Foley, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed (4-0-3).**

**II. Discussion Items**

**a. Guest: Veronica Bodge, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways**

Veronica Bodge briefed the Commission about Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and interaction with other land trust organizations; noting the organization serves nine towns. She stated the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission has invited Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and all conservation commissions to tour the Great Meadow property on Saturday, May 12 at noon. She noted the following upcoming events; trail cleanup at the Munroe Preserve, 173 Granite Road, Ossipee on April 29, 9am-1pm, trail cleanup at the Thurley Mountain Preserve, Thurley Road, Ossipee, on May 6, 9am-1pm and

Conservation 101 (land conservation) workshop (tailored to landowners) at the Wolfeboro Public Library, on June 6, 6:30pm-7:30pm. The Commission discussed press releases for the latter. She stated there are seven Wolfeboro landowners registered for the Conservation 101 workshop. She reviewed a potential partnership project for a 60-acre parcel located in Wolfeboro with a possible timeline of 2024. She questioned whether the Commission would be interested in partnering with Moose Mountains Regional Greenways on the project.

The Commission requested the ability to look further into the project but noted that they are generally in favor of the project.

**b. Election of Officers**

**It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Warren Muir to appoint Lenore Clark as Chair of the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission. Dan Coons, Peter Foley, Bob Gilbert, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).**

**It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Brian Gifford to appoint Dan Coons as Vice-Chair of the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission contingent upon reappointment by the Board of Selectmen. Lenore Clark, Peter Foley, Bob Gilbert, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).**

**c. Fernald Station/Willey Brook  
Parking Annex**

Dan Coons stated Rich Baldwin requested to work on the parking lot expansion so he notified Mike Weeks at the NH State of Bureau of Trails Bureau of such however, Mr. Weeks took a step back approving the project despite the fact that it was originally his idea to expand the parking lot in the proposed location. He stated the Commission is awaiting approval from NH DOT and noted he would contact them this week.

**d. Ed Roundy Dedication Ideas**

The Commission discussed such and agreed to placing a bench at the Towns Garden property overlooking the garden.

**It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the purchase of and to dedicate a memorial bench in memory of Ed Roundy contingent upon approval by Martha Roundy and cost not to exceed \$1500. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (7-0-0).**

**e. Strategic Planning**

The Commission reviewed potential projects for the next five years.

**2023 - Year One**

- Enact Optional Powers statute 36-A:4-a, I.(a)
- Ellie's Woodland Walk; discuss appropriate use of land, review deed and map of property
- Fernald Station & Whiteface Mountain parking lot expansion completion
- Communication Plan/Outreach
- Social Media Policy; develop and submit to Town Manager

**2024 - Year Two**

- Enact Optional Powers statute 36-A:4-a, I.(b)
- Bill Rae Conservation Area; remove vehicles abandoned on the property
- Land solicitation for Community Garden
- Plant sale (via mailing, Granite State News, social media, Town website)
- Community tree planting (ie: cemetery on Middleton Road)

**2025 – Year Three**

- Ellie’s Woodland Walk – finalize long term plan
- Inventory and tour of Town owned properties – review management decisions for such
- Facilitate and evaluate next steps to reduce impact to local natural resources – not project specific (may include a targeted mailing)
- Conservation Commission input on Town projects that impact water quality/environment

**2026 – Year Four**

Community Garden

**2027 – Year Five**

Construct a “place” – structure or building (possibly at Community Garden)

**III. Other Business/Informational Items**

**Current Use Change Tax**

The Commission received a transfer of Land Use Change Tax Funds for Tax Map #89-1 (\$1800) and Tax Map #266-4-4 (\$14,060).

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. Non-Public Session**

N/A

**VI. Adjournment**

**It was moved Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to adjourn the April 10, 2023 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (7-0-0).**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

Lee Ann Hendrickson