

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 12, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:10 pm.

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chair, Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Jim Nupp, Brian Gifford, Peter Foley, Members, Sarah Silk, Bob Gilbert, Warren Muir, Alternates.

Members Absent: Brenda Jorett, Jeff Marchand, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Public Present: Will Macduff, Emily MacDuff.

Lenore Clark appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member and appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Brenda Jorett, Member.

Dan Coons stated he has not been sworn in therefore, he cannot vote.

I. Approval of Minutes

May 8, 2023

Correction: Page 2, Clay Pit Brook Mapping, 1st paragraph; strike “identified” and replace with “voted in by the Town” and add “and, it was determined by a wetlands scientist that it was a high value wetland.”

It was moved by Sarah Silk to approve the May 8, 2023 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Bob Gilbert seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (6-0-0).

May 24, 2023

It was moved by Sarah Silk to approve the May 24, 2023 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Brian Gifford seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (6-0-0).

II. Discussion Items

a. Guest; Alexis Capone-Muccio, Girl Scouts Abenaki Wetland Project Proposal

Amy Capone-Muccio stated she is a Girl Scout Leader for Girl Scouts of Maine. She stated her daughter Alexis is in her troop and is required to do a Silver Project; noting the project began last year however was paused due to the construction at the Pop Whalen site. She stated the project honors Dave Bowers who has a love for turtles.

Alexis Capone-Muccio stated she will be working to recognize and protect the wetland by Abenaki Ski Area; noting the wetland is home to a large population of turtles. She stated her plan is to identify the species of turtle living in the wetland and learn how to protect their habitat; noting the plan includes installation of a kiosk and bench. She reviewed photographs of the area and location of the kiosk and bench in addition to a photograph of the kiosk. She stated the kiosk would include a QR code that links to a website for protecting wildlife habitat.

Lenore Clark confirmed the kiosk would include other information in addition to a QR code.

Amy Capone-Muccio stated Alexis will present the project to the BOS and review her ideas with Christine Collins including signage.

Lenore Clark confirmed the kiosk would be purchased and not built.

Amy Capone-Muccio stated the Bowers family is donating the kiosk (composite material).

Lenore Clark asked if she would be working independently on the project or if other girl scouts would be involved.

Alexis Capone-Muccio stated she is doing the project by herself.

Jim Nupp stated there is a plan to place pollinator plantings around the pond as well and wondered if the Girl Scouts would be interested in such.

Amy Capone-Muccio stated she has partnered with the Wolfeboro Girls Scouts troop and could reach out to Briar Lambert regarding such.

Alexis Capone-Muccio stated the names of the species would be included on the kiosk.

Dan Coons asked if they would prefer the scientific name or the common name.

Amy Capone-Muccio replied both.

Lenore Clark asked how the turtles would be identified.

Alexis Capone-Muccio stated she has information on such.

Amy Capone-Muccio stated the information is from UNH Cooperative Extension and she would also use the internet.

Jim Nupp questioned the size of the kiosk.

Amy Capone-Muccio stated the kiosk print out doesn't specify the size, however, believes it is 2'x3'. She stated Alexis could attend the Commission's July meeting to review the slideshow presentation.

b. Pop Whalen Landscaping

Lenore Clark stated Jeff Marchand informed her that thanks to Jim Aponas the stump grinding has been completed at the Pop Whalen site and areas for wetland plants are ready for planting; noting

he would be purchasing plants from Millican Nurseries. She stated Jeff Marchand has requested a meeting with Christine Collins and Jim Aponas to review the logistics of the tree planting.

c. Community Outreach/Social Media

Lenore Clark stated the Commission's Facebook page was launched; noting the posts on the Conservation Commission page are also shared on several Wolfeboro community pages.

Peter Foley recommended including the address/location of the Town properties if those properties are open to the public.

d. Sunflower Seed Giveaway and Parks & Recreation Summer Kickoff

Parks and Recreation Summer Kickoff event is scheduled for June 24 at Foss Field, 11am – 3pm.

Lenore Clark stated Brenda Jorett submitted an application on behalf of the Conservation Commission to Parks & Recreation to attend their summer kick-off event. She stated Jeff Marchand has been in contact with the Lakes Region Technology Center and Future Farmers of America; noting they both have generated hundreds of seedlings for the Commission on a volunteer basis. She stated the Library has accepted a donation of a planting at the main entrance and Jeff Marchand suggested that it may be a good project for the Girl Scouts. She stated that Mr. Marchand has supplied numerous local businesses with seeds.

Sarah Silk asked if anyone has spoken to a representative of The Nick and suggested planting seeds by the entrance.

Jim Nupp questioned whether the Goodwins Basin property would be an appropriate location to plant sunflowers.

e. Parking Lot Expansions

Whiteface Mountain

Lenore Clark stated the parking lot at Whiteface Mountain has been completed; noting there are eight parking spaces. Jim Nupp asked what the Commission would like to do with the wood chips that were put aside at the Whiteface property. He stated there are two major wet areas on the trail prior to the bridge constructed by the SCA and questioned whether those areas could be filled with the wood chips. He questioned how the chips would be transported to those areas.

Dan Coons stated the wood chips could be used to fill the areas and recommended loading the chips into a pickup truck and use the abutters driveway to gain closer access to the areas.

Jim Nupp volunteered to speak with the abutting landowner.

Lenore Clark stated she received an invoice from Rich Baldwin for the construction of the Whiteface parking lot and noted that a lot of the work was done pro bono.

Fernald Station

Lenore Clark stated the NHDOT Driveway Permit application has been submitted. She stated Dan Coons, Jim Nupp and she met with Mike Weeks, Bureau of Trails, and noted that a person in Mr. Weeks' department found a survey depicting that the Town has a right-of-way over the State's land onto our land dating back to the late 1800's. She stated Rich Baldwin would be constructing the parking area.

Bill Rae Conservation Area

No update.

f. Invasive Species Management

Lenore Clark stated she spoke with Lee Gilman; noting that the Commission is entering into a less intensive treatment plan for the properties. She stated Mr. Gilman will be submitting a proposal for the Front Bay Park and Towns Garden properties.

g. NRI Update

Lenore Clark stated she spoke with Kathy Barnard regarding the Planning Board updating the Town's NRI maps; noting such was done in 2011 and updates should be done every 10 years. She stated a quote was received for \$60,000 and she would be asking Rick Van de Poll for an estimate.

Dan Coons recommended contacting Jeff Littlefield.

Lee Ann Hendrickson recommended contacting UNH.

h. Ed Roundy Memorial Dedication

Dan Coons stated he spoke with Martha Roundy and noted that she supports the dedication efforts in memory of her husband.

The Commission discussed a granite memorial bench.

Jim Nupp stated he would look into cost for such and vendors.

i. Goodwin's Basin Mowing

Lenore Clark stated Aaron Stirt has offered to mow the property for \$1,000.00 (3 mowings for 2023).

It was moved by Sarah Silk to authorize Aaron Stirt to mow the Goodwins Basin property three times in 2023 for \$1,000.00. Brian Gifford seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

j. Wolfeboro Waters

Warren Muir stated the Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Plan is underway with FB Engineers. He stated Lake Winnepesaukee Association has received a \$500,000 grant for a watershed management plan for Lake Winnepesaukee. He noted the Wolfeboro Bay watershed includes a portion of Alton. He stated the Town sent a letter (letter approved by the BOS) to NHDES and Cyanobacteria Committee noting insights the Town has and encouraged them to take such into consideration. He reviewed the letter and testing results. He stated Wolfeboro Waters has developed its plans for the summer; noting the types of cyanobacteria that will be collected have been chosen. He stated Caleb Ducharme, UNH intern, will be assisting the Committee this summer. He reviewed the issues on Whitegate Road and recent improvements by the Town which caused increased flow. He stated the culvert work should prevent future overflowing of the road and houses however, at the expense of more water being put into the lake. He stated the Lake Winnepesaukee Association applied for a 319 Grant to hire an engineer to mitigate the issues however, such was not communicated prior to the submittal.

III. **Other Business/Informational Items**

Whiteface Conservation Easement

Lenore Clark stated such is still a work in progress.

Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meetings

Lenore Clark stated she has been regularly attending the TRC meetings.

IV. **Public Comment**

None.

V. **Non-Public Session**

N/A

VI. **NH Dredge & Fill Application**

N/A

VII. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Jim Nupp to adjourn the June 12, 2023 Conservation Commission meeting. Peter Foley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (6-0-0).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Hendrickson

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