

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 4, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the virtual meeting at 11:15 am.

Lenore Clark read the following:

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order #2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, III, the Committee has 6 members joining the meeting remotely, which a public body has the authorization to allow. At this time I would like to take a roll-call vote of ALL members present. For those participating virtually, please indicate your location and if you have any other individuals present in the room with you.

Members Present: Roll call: Lenore Clark – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Chair, Dan Coons – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Vice-Chair, Warren Muir – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Art Slocum – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Brian Gifford – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Jeff Marchand, (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Members.

Votes taken during this meeting will be via roll call vote for ALL members.

In accordance with Emergency Order #12, for members of the public, this is to confirm that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means through GoToMeeting. All members of the public and Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the GoToMeeting platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #+1 (646) 749-3122 followed by the audio access code 870-687-373, or by video following the directions on the Town of Wolfeboro Website posted on the home page under the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; we previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting in-person or using GoToMeeting and in, and instructions are provided on the Town of Wolfeboro website at wolfeboronh.us on the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; if anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or computer, please immediately call 603-486-2692 OR email Hendrickson.leeann@gmail.com. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Ed Roundy, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

I. Discussion Item

a. Acquisition of Tax #37-7 and 37-8

Lenore Clark stated when Dan Coons previously spoke to Don McBride regarding the Land Bank's contribution of the acquisition of the Meissner properties, the amount had not yet been authorized by the Land Bank's Board. She stated the Land Bank only approved \$20,000 towards the purchase of the properties and half of all associated costs including attorney's fees, title search, etc.. She stated on

November 30th the Commission approved the expenditure of \$55,000 (\$50,000 for the land purchase and \$5,000 for the associated fees). She requested a motion to expend \$60,000 (\$50,000 for the land purchase and \$5,000 for the associated fees).

Art Slocum stated he is in favor of authorizing the increased expenditure as well as fundraising campaign to recover some of the expenditures associated with the acquisition. He recommended advertising the fundraising campaign in the newspaper.

Jeff Marchand recommended an online giving tool on the Town's website.

Warren Muir questioned whether the BOS will have to approve the fundraising campaign.

The Commission agreed to address the fundraising campaign in February.

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Art Slocum to vote to expend up to \$60,000 for the acquisition of Tax Map 37-7 and 37-8 with the intention that the Conservation Commission makes an effort to replenish the Conservation Fund with LCHIP, Moose Plate and other private fundraising. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Art Slocum - yes, Warren Muir – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons - yes. The motion passed (6-0).

II. **Other Business**

N/A

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Dan Coons to adjourn the December 4, 2020 Conservation Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Art Slocum - yes, Warren Muir – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons - yes. The motion passed (6-0).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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