# TOWN OF WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION August 12, 2019 MINUTES

<u>Members Present:</u> Lenore Clark, Chairman, Dan Coons, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Warren Muir, Members, Nancy Byrd, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

**Member Absent:** Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Members.

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

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 6:34 PM at the Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

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

# I. Consideration of Minutes

July 8, 2019 Minutes

**Correction:** Page 1, Bill Rae Conservation Area, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; strike "was no trash" & replace with "is some trash remaining"

<u>It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the July 8, 2019 Wolfeboro</u> Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes July 8, 2019

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the July 8, 2019 Wolfeboro

Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Ed Roundy,

Brian Gifford, Nancy Byrd voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed.

July 18, 2019

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the July 18, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Warren Muir, Ed Roundy, Ed Roundy, Nancy Byrd voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Dan Coons, Brian Gifford abstained. The motion passed.

July 23, 2019

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Warren Muir to approve the July 23, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

## August 1, 2019

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the August 1, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Nancy Byrd voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed.

## II. Discussion Items

# a. Trask Mountain Trail Construction Update

Dan Coons stated he has been to the site several times; noting he discussed the trail design and laid out the trail with the Student Conservation Association. He stated a complaint was received from an abutter who expressed concern regarding the proximity of the trail to the property line. He stated the trail was relocated an additional 20' away from the property line. He stated he conducted a post-inspection on 8/8/19; noting he was satisfied with the work done to date. He noted the next hitch is scheduled for August 20-30, 2019 and stated the workers camped onsite (at the old log landing). He stated he would meet the SCA representative onsite on 8/20/19.

# b. Willey Brook Signage

Dan Coons stated there is a sign on Route 109 identifying the Willey Brook property and recommended placing an additional sign at the location of the trail.

The Commission discussed such further and agreed to install a tree mounted sign stating the following "Trails provided by the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission."

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Warren Muir to authorize the purchase of a tree mounted sign for the Willey Brook property, cost not to exceed \$500.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

## c. Ryefield Marsh Forestry

Dan Coons stated Dan Stepanauskas marked trees to be removed on the far side of the marsh; noting he expects to net \$5,000 (proceeds).

Ed Roundy asked if the wet area will be harvested.

Dan Coons replied no. He stated the forester will be removing dead and diseased trees.

#### d. Land Donation; Tax Map #187-28

Staff informed the Commission that she is awaiting an opinion from Counsel.

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Attorney Cowles; noting he is going to review the Port Wedeln Association bylaws. He stated Attorney Cowles advised that the Commission have a contract that states the Commission is not responsible for past or future association dues.

# e. Cyanobacteria Task Force

Warren Muir stated samples are currently being collected. He noted NHDES issued an advisory for Mirror Lake and stated there is no apparent blooms coming into Winter Harbor. He stated there have also been blooms on other NH lakes. He stated there is an effort to build a Wolfeboro Waters website; noting six companies have submitted a proposal as a result of the RFP and are currently being reviewed. He stated NHDES did not approve the Partridge Drive BMPs; noting NHDES has deemed the application incomplete. He stated there is a deep area in Winter Harbor

that has no oxygen right now and there was a report of a bloom in Back Bay however, it was determined that it was algae.

## III. Other Business

## Farm Island

Lenore Clark stated she wrote a (personal) letter (not on behalf of the Commission) expressing environmental concerns regarding the proposed subdivision for Farm Island.

## **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Nancy Byrd stated she picked up two bags of trash at the Bill Rae Conservation Area; noting there is additional trash and three boats being stored at the access to the property. She stated Sargents Pond appears to be in good shape however, the lowest pond appears to have a bloom.

Warren Muir recommended the bloom be reported to Wolfeboro dispatch and the cyanobacteria hotline. He asked Ms. Byrd for pictures and samples.

She stated the pond above the lowest pond appeared to be pristine.

Warren Muir questioned the size of the pond.

Nancy Byrd replied 100' in diameter.

Dan Coons replied ¼ - ½ acre.

Nancy Byrd recommended removing the remainder of the trash (debris) and a "clean your boat off" sign and "carry in/carry out" sign.

## IV. <u>Correspondence</u>

The Commission received the following correspondence; NHDES correspondence.

# V. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the August 12, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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