

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**April 8, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Warren Muir, Members, Nancy Byrd, Alternate.

Members Absent: Robert Pierpont, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:37 PM at the Great Hall.

I. Consideration of Minutes
March 11, 2019 Minutes

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the March 11, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes
March 11, 2019

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the February 11, 2019 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Jeff Marchand, Dave Senecal, Art Slocum, Brian Gifford, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand, Warren Muir voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.

II. Public Hearing

Acquisition of a conservation easement, to be known as The Bridger Wildlife Habitat, from Jeffrey D. Marchand Family Revocable Trust to the Town of Wolfeboro and Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro, Inc. on parcel Tax Map 36-2

Jeff Marchand recused himself at 7:14 pm.

Chairman Coons appointed Nancy Byrd, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member.

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Lenore Clark to open the public hearing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dan Coons stated the Grantor of The Bridger Wildlife Habitat is Jeffrey D. Marchand Family Revocable Trust. He noted the cost of the conservation easement is \$40,000; noting the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro is contributing \$15,000.

No public present.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to accept The Bridger Wildlife Habitat conservation easement from Jeffrey D. Marchand Family Revocable Trust and forward to the Board of Selectmen for their review on April 17, 2019. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Art Slocum to close the public hearing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Jeff Marchand re-entered the meeting.

III. Discussion Items

a. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Dan Coons stated he plans on becoming a “snowbird” next January.

Lenore Clark stated she has been the Vice-Chair for a couple of years now and expressed concern for over extending herself if she were to be the Chair of the Commission. She stated she is not available as often during the summer months due to her children’s schedule and summer vacation. She volunteered to continue to be the Vice-Chair and noted she is comfortable running meetings.

The Commission further discussed the appointments of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to appoint Lenore Clark as Chairman to the Conservation Commission. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to appoint Dan Coons as Vice-Chairman to the Conservation Commission. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

b. Land Donation; Tax Map #187-28

Dan Coons stated he was contacted by David Carrier regarding a building lot he owns on Port Wedeln Road. He stated a perc test was done on the property and failed therefore, Mr. Carrier is interested in donating the land that includes a stipulation that the lot not be sold and used as a building lot. He stated the lot is a half-acre in size and abuts the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Warren Muir stated there are several streams that flow into Winter Harbor and questioned whether rain gardens could be constructed on the land and whether such would violate the condition of the donation.

Dan Coons stated he discussed such with Matt Sullivan in order to control runoff and noted it would not violate the stipulation.

Jeff Marchand questioned ramifications relative to “in perpetuity”.

Nancy Byrd stated such would tie the Commission’s hands. She asked who has seen the property.

Dan Coons stated he has not been to the site.

Jeff Marchand recommended pursuing the matter.

Ed Roundy asked if the Commission should declare the property as unbuildable.

Nancy Byrd questioned access.

Staff noted the property has 100' of frontage on Port Wedeln Road.

The Commission agreed to further pursue the acquisition of the property.

c. Trask Mountain; Trail Building

Dan Coons stated he met with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) regarding constructing trails at Trask Mountain; noting they could not walk the property due to the amount of snow on the ground. He stated the SCA was provided topographic maps; noting the SCA informed him that they would be able to design and build the trails (cost estimate to include design and construction). He stated he is meeting the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) on April 12th at 1 pm (meeting at Willey Brook property then driving to Trask Mountain).

Ed Roundy asked if the proposal includes joining/connecting other trails.

Dan Coons replied no.

Brian Gifford asked if the meeting is open to other Commission members.

Dan Coons replied yes.

**d. Willey Brook
Trail Construction**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Appalachian Mountain Club regarding such.

Parking Area

Dan Coons stated Rich Baldwin's estimate to construct the parking area is approximately \$6,000.

Jeff Marchand stated he does not know the boundaries of the area and requested a map of such.

Dan Coons stated he would set pins on April 12th.

e. Cyanobacteria Task Force

Lenore Clark stated the Committee has divided its work into three subcommittees; assessment, mitigation and prevention and communication. She stated the Watershed Summit is scheduled for May 11th, 9am-12pm at the Great Hall. She stated the Assessment Committee has visited UNH and will be scheduling a visit to Sunapee. She noted Warren Muir is the Chair of the Assessment Committee, Dave Ford is the Chair of the Prevention and Mitigation Committee and she is the Chair of the Communications Committee.

Warren Muir stated a presentation by the USEPA is scheduled for June 26th at the Brewster Academy Pinckney Boathouse; noting training will be provided on how to identify cyanobacteria blooms. He stated UNH is willing to help with additional samplers and supply

some equipment to collect deep water samples and check oxygen levels. He stated the Committee will identify various labs that are able to provide a quick turn-around for results.

Nancy Byrd asked if the Committees are accepting volunteers.

Lenore Clark and Warren Muir replied yes.

IV. Other Business

Meeting Schedule on Federal Holidays

Jeff Marchand asked why the Commission meets on Federal holidays (Columbus Day & Veterans Day).

The Commission discussed such and rescheduling the dates of meetings that fall on Federal holidays.

It was moved by Jeff Marchand and seconded by Art Slocum to reschedule Conservation Commission meetings that fall on an actual or observed Federal holiday to the third Monday of that month. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Sargent's Pond

Warren Muir asked if the Commission manages any property that includes portion of Sargent's Pond.

Dan Coons replied yes, the Bill Rae Conservation Area, a 70-acre parcel that abuts the pond.

Warren Muir stated Sargent's Pond has water quality issues and asked if the Commission has knowledge of the source of those issues.

Dan Coons stated there may be significant beaver nutrient impact.

Lenore Clark stated the pond is shallow.

Jeff Marchand stated the area at the Bill Rae Conservation Area is very stagnant.

Whiteface Mountain

Staff questioned the status of the unknown area at Whiteface that the Commission was originally considering having surveyed.

Dan Coons stated there are approximately 12 acres of land that requires an on the ground survey. He stated the land will not be included in the conservation easement and Lakes Region Conservation Trust is not requiring the surveying to be done therefore, the area will not be surveyed.

Jeff Marchand stated that the ambiguity of the area can be written into the deed.

Member Appointments

- Ed Roundy was reappointed by the BOS to the Commission for a term of three years
- Warren Muir was appointed as a full member by the BOS to the Commission for a term of three years

V. Informational Items

The Commission received the following informational item; memorandum from Brenda LaPointe, Tax Collector, regarding Land Use Change Tax proceeds and NHDES correspondence.

VI. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the April 8, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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