

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 23, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chairman, Dan Coons, Vice-Chairman, Brian Gifford, Member.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Warren Muir, Members, Nancy Byrd, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 8:45 AM at the Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

I. Discussion Item

a. Review Trask Mountain Trail Design and Construction Request For Proposals

The Commission reviewed the bid proposals for the Trask Mountain Trail Design and Construction received from Sinuosity (\$107,186), Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) (\$54,750 maximum) and The Student Conservation Association, Inc. (SCA) (\$21,000). The Commission agreed that all three bidders would be equally capable of performing the task.

Dan Coons noted he conducted site visits with both SCA and AMC. Dan Coons stated he was told by the SCA representative that the SCA crews could complete the project in the two hitches being proposing, and was fairly confident that if the weather was good, they might be able to construct an additional two miles of trail. This was compared to AMC which proposed an end date in 2020, and Sinuosity which proposed an end date in 2021. He noted that SCA indicated that if they weren't able to complete the 3 miles in the two hitches that they'd be able to do schedule a third hitch this fall.

The Commission agreed that even if a third hitch was necessary to complete the project that it would be more cost effective to award the bid to SCA. The Commission also considered that the SCA has completed other trail projects for the Commission and noted the SCA was the only bidder that provided proof of insurance as part of their bid.

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Lenore Clark to award the Trask Mountain Trail Design and Construction project to The Student Conservation Association, Inc. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dan Coons stated he would contact the bidders of the project and inform them of the Commission's decision.

II. Other Business

None.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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