

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 13, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Jeff Marchand, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci, Members.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen’s Representative, Art Slocum, Member, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

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

**I. Consideration of Minutes
October 9, 2017 Minutes**

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the October 9, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Dan Coons, Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
October 9, 2017**

Correction: Strike 2nd page

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the October 9, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
October 21, 2017**

Correction: Page 1, Members Present; strike “Lenore Clark”

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the October 21, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Jeff Marchand, Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Budget Committee

Dan Coons stated Lenore Clark presented the 2018 budget to the Town Manager, Finance Director and BOS; noting he would be presenting the budget to the Budget Committee on 11/14/17.

b. Snowshoe Race

Dan Coons stated Moose Mountain Regional Greenway asked if the Commission would sponsor their snowshoe race; noting he does not feel such meets the mission of the Conservation Commission. He stated the snowshoe race is scheduled for 1/20/18 at 9AM at Abenaki.

The Commission agreed the snowshoe race does not meet the mission of the Commission and therefore, did not agree to sponsor the event.

c. Willey Brook Trail Construction

Dan Coons stated the trails are half completed.

Ed Roundy stated the invoice submitted lacked details, specifically labor and material costs.

Dan Coons stated the invoice reflects only labor costs to date.

d. Whiteface Mountain

Dan Coons stated fundraising for such is underway. He stated transfer of ownership of the property is being prepared.

Lenore Clark questioned the status of the parking lot.

Dan Coons stated the agreement has not been signed.

e. Towns Garden; Tree Cutting Status & Hunting

Dan Coons stated he met with Bruce Farr, Lakes Region Technology Center and the Agriculture Department Head regarding tree cutting. He stated the Agriculture Department Head will be meeting with the Towns Garden Committee to discuss which trees will be cut. He stated there was a person bow hunting on the property; noting he is in favor of posting the property.

Jeff Marchand agreed to posting the property due to the proximity to the Library and residents. He recommended posting "No Hunting" signs at the four corners of the property and volunteered to do such.

Gail Antonucci volunteered preparing a public notice for the Granite State News.

f. Front Bay Park; Invasive Species

Dan Coons stated Erik Groves treated the Front Bay property for invasive species; noting both sides of the main trail to the loop (inside and around the loop) was retreated. He stated the area north (outside portion) of the trail from the "T" to the Route 109 trail and area along the wetland was not treated.

g. Roessigner Easement

Staff informed the Commission that she was contacted by Elaine Follansbee, Claude & Peter Roessigner's niece, stating that her uncles are interested in placing two of their parcels in conservation (one of the parcels is in common ownership). She stated she provided Dan Coons' contact information.

Dan Coons stated he has not been contacted by either of Peter or Claude Roessigner.

Jeff Marchand recommended mailing them a copy of Conserving Your Land.

h. McBride Easement

Dan Coons stated Don McBride has left for the winter therefore, a site visit to the property is postponed until the spring.

i. Hubbard Property

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Len Hubbard regarding the preservation of 20 acres of land (450' of frontage on Rust Pond). He reviewed the history of the property.

Staff stated she would provide minutes from previous meetings that such was discussed.

j. Bill Rae Conservation Area

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Preston Shea stating the chain and signage at the Sargents Pond Road entrance are missing and the path is blocked from fallen trees. He stated he confirmed the chain is missing but, is unaware of the sign. He stated Mr. Shea also noted in his email that the contractor for the Sargents Pond Association routinely pushes snow at the entrance, making access impossible by foot and requested access not be blocked. He stated he has spoken to the Sargents Pond Association and offered to contribute to the cost to plow an additional 20-30' of the Town's property however, has not received a response.

Ed Roundy stated the sign is in place however, the chain is missing.

Jeff Marchand stated he would take pictures of the area and replace the chain if necessary.

k. Hoagland, 13 Baas Drive

Dan Coons stated the Hoagland Special Use Permit was approved by the Planning Board; noting their attorney, Randy Walker, represented that Mr. Hoagland has no legal right of access across the Association property.

Jeff Marchand stated there will be a lot of erosion and recommended following up on the matter.

l. Forestry

Dan Coons stated he attended a workshop at the Bartlett experimental forest (6-acre research forest); noting 80 years of in best forest management practices. He stated clear cuts are performed on a minimum of 3-acres, leaving a 100x100 untouched area in the middle of the area that is left for ten years. He recommended planning selective clear cuts on some of the Town's properties.

m. New Forester

He stated the Commission received a letter from Daniel Stepanauskas, NH Forester, inviting the Commission to tour Glen Oakes (120 acres of land he has marked and supervised an improvement thinning of) in order to contrast those results with those on the Wolfeboro Town lands east of North Line Road.

The Commission agreed to invite Mr. Stepanauskas to a meeting.

n. Taking Action for Wildlife Public Forum

The Commission tabled such.

III. Other Business

None.

IV. Informational Items

None.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Jeff Marchand to adjourn the November 13, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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