

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 12, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Members.

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Members, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

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

**I. Consideration of Minutes
May 8, 2017 Minutes**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the May 8, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
April 19, 2017**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the April 19, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
May 8, 2017**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the May 8, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
May 24, 2017**

Corrections: Page 1, Wilson; change address to "566 South Main Street, Rust Pond"

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the May 24, 2017 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. **Willey Brook Trail Construction**

The Commission reviewed the revisions per the May 8, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting and agreed to the following changes;

- Page 1, 1.A.; strike “located on” & replace with “abutting” and change “Cotton Valley Trail (CVT)” to “Cotton Valley Rail Trail (CVRT)”
- Page 2, g.; change “CVT” to “CVRT”

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to accept and execute the contract, as amended, between Bella Terra Trail Design and Wolfeboro Conservation Commission for trail construction at Willey Brook. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Andrew Lester, Bella Terra Trail Design, and Dan Coons signed the contract for trail construction at Willey Brook.

b. **Quantum Construction/Pleasant Valley Road Bridge; Pre-application Discussion**

Dave Ford, Director of Public Works, stated the Pleasant Valley Road bridge is red listed by the State of NH; noting funds have been appropriated for the preliminary design for the reconstruction of the bridge. He stated a permit would be submitted in 2017 for a temporary crossing of the Heath Brook wetland; noting construction is currently scheduled for 2026.

Lee Evans, Quantum Construction, stated the bridge needs to be rebuilt however, there are wetlands surrounding the bridge and therefore, there will be some disturbance of the wetlands. He reviewed photographs of and temporary impacts to the site; noting significant erosion to the site. He stated a detour road would be constructed.

Ed Roundy questioned the deterioration.

Lee Evans stated the steel pipes are rusted.

Ed Roundy questioned the life expectancy of the repair.

Lee Evans stated a concrete structure is proposed which would have a significant life expectancy.

Lisa Martin, Quantum Construction, stated the life expectancy is 75 years if the culverts are maintained.

Dan Coons questioned the bank full measurements down and upstream to determine the proper sizing.

Lee Evans reviewed the bank full measurements and noted that currently the water is almost over the top of the road during storm events.

Ed Roundy questioned the timeframe for construction.

Lee Evans replied 2026; noting that if a designed plan is ready, construction could occur earlier.

Dan Coons recommended contacting Don Kretchmer to see if he has gauges set up that would provide flow velocity rates.

Lisa Martin stated they have stream calculations. She stated the concern is for the deterioration of the pipes; noting that when there is pressure flow, the bottom of the pipe buckles and the road collapses.

Lee Evans stated the permanent impacts include raising the profile of the road to get 1% grade to capture the flow and treatment. He reviewed the temporary impacts and noted the project would require temporary easements and one permanent easement.

Dave Ford stated that currently salt and sand goes into the brook however, the proposal would correct such.

c. Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Annual Membership Dues

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to expend \$100 to Green Mountain Regional Greenways for the Commission's annual membership dues. Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Brian Gifford voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.

d. Whiteface Land Survey

Dan Coons stated the survey is underway. He noted Lakes Region Conservation Trust, on behalf of the Conservation Commission and Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro, has initiated and is developing a fundraising campaign for various fees associated with maintaining a conservation easement on the property. He stated LRCT has requested a \$10,000 donation towards such. He noted Jim Nupp is seeking bids for the parking lot construction; noting such is not included in the fundraising campaign.

e. Cricket Hill Estates Subdivision; Common Land Acquisition

Dan Coons stated the owner of the land is Bucky Melanson; noting Mr. Melanson placed in the deeds to the lots within the subdivision that each owner would be part owners to the common land. However, he stated Mr. Melanson never actually deeded the land to the property owners; noting such is an issue presented by Town Counsel. He stated Mr. Melanson clear cut the property and left the property a mess (slash and stumps) and now doesn't want to pay the taxes any longer. He stated Mr. Melanson wants the Town to take the property and create a park. He stated the Commission previously reviewed the proposal and felt that the only people that would use the common land are the currently owners of the lots within the subdivision. In addition, he stated the legal issue remains pending. He stated one member of the current BOS has asked the Commission to review the proposal again.

Gail Antonucci stated she is opposed to acquiring property that wouldn't serve the general public.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission shouldn't take any action and noted that it is up to the current land owners to take the initiative. He stated there is no conservation value however, there is value to the adjacent properties.

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Gail Antonucci to take no action on the acquisition of common land of the Cricket Hill Estates Subdivision. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

McBride Property Annual Monitoring

Dan Coons stated he and Lenore Clark completed the annual monitoring for the McBride property. He stated they question whether a shooting range that has been constructed is located on the easement. He stated he would contact Steve Walker regarding such.

Cotton Valley Rail Trail

Ed Roundy stated the construction of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail will be completed in the next 3-4 months; noting there will be a celebration for such. He stated the Commission should be included in such.

Dan Coons stated the trail extends two miles beyond where the trail meets Cotton Mountain Road.

IV. Informational Items

The Commission was provided the following informational items; Ripples publication and NH DES Wetlands Bureau correspondence.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Brian Gifford to adjourn the June 12, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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