

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 12, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Jeff Marchand, Member, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:39 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.
Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Lenore Clark, Member.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
January 8, 2018 Minutes**

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the January 8, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Sarah Silk, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
January 3, 2018**

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the January 3, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Sarah Silk, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

January 8, 2018

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the January 3, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Sarah Silk, Dave Senecal, Ed Roundy, Brian Gifford, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Society for the Protection of NH Forests Annual Membership Dues

The Commission agreed to renew its membership in the amount of \$55.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Art Slocum to renew the Commission's annual membership to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests in the amount of \$55. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

b. Taking Action For Wildlife

No report/update.

c. Willey Brook

Dan Coons stated he has been approached to add three additional miles at the Willey Brook property in 2018 at the cost agreed upon for the first three miles last year.

Art Slocum asked what the Commission originally approved with regard to the ongoing project.

Dan Coons replied a total of 3 miles of trails, 2 loops.

Gail Antonucci questioned the cost for the construction of the trails.

Dan Coons replied \$30,000; noting such was less than the cost estimate provided by Student Conservation Association. He stated there is no need for an immediate decision. He stated the trails currently constructed are being ridden and hiked; noting 1.5 miles of trails has currently been constructed.

The Commission agreed to revisit the discussion of such following snow melt.

d. Review of Tax Map 136-9

Dan Coons oriented the Commission to the location of the property; noting such has frontage on both Bryant Road and College Road. He stated he was contacted by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (who, in turn, was contacted by Carl Crosley, Wentworth Watershed Foundation) of a potential sale of the property. He stated the owner is interested in selling the property; noting the property consists of 22 acres and includes a prime wetland that is part of Ryefield Marsh (connected via Frost Brook). He stated the assessed value is \$56,000 and noted the land could be subdivided due to upland areas on the property, possibly 2-3 lots. He stated the next step, if the Commission is interested in the property, would be an appraisal of the property. He stated Russ Wakefield, Horizon's NH Appraisal Services provided a cost estimate in the amount of \$525 for the appraisal.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to contract Horizon's NH Appraisal Services to conduct an appraisal of Tax Map #136-9, cost not to exceed \$525. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

e. Review of Conservation Easement on Tax Map #130-29

Sarah Silk recused herself.

Dan Coons stated Tax Map #130-29 is located off Beach Pond Road; noting the property was formerly owned by Kirk Titus. He stated the current owner applied for and received a building permit. Following such, the Department discovered there is a conservation easement on the property (around the fire pond) that was imposed by the Planning Board when the property was originally subdivided. He stated the remainder of the subdivision was never developed. He stated he reviewed the easement map and noted there are no issues relative to the issuance of the building permit.

f. Student Conservation Association 2018 Hitches

The Commission discussed potential projects for such which included clearing the parking area at the Bill Rae Conservation Area, Front Bay Park, Towns Garden and address overgrown saplings at the Town Forest. The Commission agreed to remove Willey Brook as a potential project.

Dan Coons stated he would contact the SCA to schedule the projects.

g. Trails Planning

Dan Coons stated there is a group of people in the Town, spear headed by Andrew Ingram, that are initiating an idea to build Wolfeboro as a bicycling destination (similar to Burke Mountain, VT and Conway). He noted the following properties/location destinations are being considered for bicycling trails; Clow Lot, Trask Mountain Lot, the Rail Trail and Filter Bed Road property. He stated a mapping system is proposed.

III. Other Business

- Moose Mountains Regional Greenways Annual Meeting; 3/26/18, 5:30 PM, The Inn on Main
- Friends of Abenaki Pancake Breakfast; 3/3/18, 11 AM, Abenaki Ski Area
- Moose Mountains Regional Greenways

It was moved by Brian Gifford and seconded by Sarah Silk to renew the Conservation Commission's membership to Moose Mountains Regional Greenways in the amount of \$100. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. Informational Items

The Commission received the following informational item; NHDES correspondence.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the February 12, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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