

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

April 9, 2018

MINUTES

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

Member Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:42 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

I. Consideration of Minutes

March 12, 2018 Minutes

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the March 12, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

March 12, 2018

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the March 12, 2018 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

March 31, 2018

The Commission tabled consideration of the March 31, 2018 Dredge & Fill minutes.

II. Discussion Items

a. Taking Action For Wildlife Public Forum

Dan Coons stated he spoke with Amanda Stone and asked what topics the Commission would be interested in addressing at the public forum.

Art Slocum replied identification of wildlife sightings.

Jeff Marchand questioned the intent of the public forum and the Commission's expectations.

Dan Coons replied for the public to gain information and be made aware of resources that exist. He stated the forum would allow the public to be brought into the process and provide ownership.

Jeff Marchand recommended distributing "Did You Know?" and "Have You Seen?" handouts.

Lenore Clark recommended inviting the Master Plan Natural Resources Subcommittee to the forum.

Dan Coons stated the subcommittee is meeting tomorrow, 4/10/18, and he would discuss it then.

Jeff Marchand recommended incorporating an outing at Willey Brook.

Dan Coons also recommended Ellie's Woodland Marsh.

b. Student Conservation Association 2018 Hitches

Dan Coons stated he emailed the SCA regarding scheduling hitches for 2018 however, has not received a response to date.

c. Conservation Priorities

The Commission tabled such and requested Staff to redistribute the materials associated with such.

d. Bridger Easement

The Commission received a draft of the Bridger Easement for review and discussion at the meeting in May.

Jeff Marchand stated several years ago he and Don McBride, representing the Land Bank, discussed potential conservation preservation efforts for his property located in North Wolfeboro (consisting of 40-42 acres) that abuts Whiteface Mountain. He stated nothing further has been pursued until now; noting he was provided by Staff the easement for the former Overall property as a template. He stated the northern border of the property consists of 1600' on Youngs Brook. He stated he is requesting \$45,000 for the conservation easement; noting that he will not be offended if the Commission is not interested in the proposal.

Dan Coons asked his thoughts regarding timber harvesting.

Jeff Marchand stated he maintained language from the Overall easement regarding such; noting he is in favor of Best Management Practices. He brought the Commission's attention to page 5; "land to be managed for habitat over recreational uses." He stated he does not want informal or formal trails, trail systems, or motorized or wheeled vehicles due to impact of such given the steep slopes on the property. He stated he knows the area well and feels the wildlife need an area to live and breed without pressures; noting the land would be made available to the public rather than being a destination.

Art Slocum agreed with Mr. Marchand regarding the slopes and impact to the area from bicycles. He asked if the property would be posted once the easement is established.

Jeff Marchand stated he has no intent to post No Trespassing signs however, he reserved the right to post the property if the property is being misused.

Ed Roundy stated the Foley property may/could become part of this project of securing land/easements abutting Whiteface Mountain. He requested a map of the property and area surrounding the property be available next month when the matter is further discussed.

Art Slocum stated that from a Land Bank perspective, they have been discussing this property for 8-10 years.

III. Other Business

Town of Wolfeboro RIB Site

Brian Gifford questioned whether the Commission should be involved with the monitoring of the RIB site.

The Commission discussed the matter and agreed that there is currently enough oversight by the Town (BOS, Public Works Department).

Sarah Silk clarified the Town is interested in acquiring the land in Tuftonboro for mitigation purposes because the property has been impacted.

Monitoring Reports

Lenore Clark stated the monitoring reports for Front Bay Park and McBride property have been completed and forwarded to OEP.

Sewall Woods

Staff stated she was approached by a resident expressing concern regarding the amount of debris from the season's storms that is down in Sewall Woods.

Dan Coons stated he would email Dave Mallard regarding such.

Northern Forest Resources

Staff informed the Commission that Daniel Stepanauskas, Northern Forest Resources, was unable to attend tonight's meeting and is in the process of scheduling his attendance at the May meeting.

Dan Coons informed the Commission that Mr. Stepanauskas is holding a workshop on Low Impact Forest Management at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center on April 14th at 9 AM.

Gail Antonucci Resignation

Gail Antonucci informed the Commission that she would be resigning as a member of the Conservation Commission, effective immediately.

IV. Informational Items

The Commission received the following informational item; NHDES correspondence.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the April 9, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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