

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
May 4, 2021  
APPROVED MINUTES**

*Chairman Clark opened the virtual meeting at 11:30 am.*

Lenore Clark read the following:

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order #2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, III, the Committee has 8 members joining the meeting remotely, which a public body has the authorization to allow. At this time I would like to take a roll-call vote of ALL members present. For those participating virtually, please indicate your location and if you have any other individuals present in the room with you.

**Members Present:** Roll call: Lenore Clark – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with her), Chair, Dan Coons – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Vice-Chair, Jeff Marchand – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Brian Gifford – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him – arrived at 11:36 am), Nancy Byrd – yes (acknowledged there is someone present with her), Members, Bob Gilbert – yes (acknowledged there is no one present with him), Alternate.

Votes taken during this meeting will be via roll call vote for ALL members.

In accordance with Emergency Order #12, for members of the public, this is to confirm that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means through GoToMeeting. All members of the public and Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the GoToMeeting platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #+1 (646) 749-3122 followed by the audio access code 870-687-373, or by video following the directions on the Town of Wolfeboro Website posted on the home page under the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; we previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting in-person or using GoToMeeting and in, and instructions are provided on the Town of Wolfeboro website at wolfeboronh.us on the Virtual Town Meeting Login Information page.
3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; if anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or computer, please immediately call 603-486-2692 OR email [Hendrickson.leeann@gmail.com](mailto:Hendrickson.leeann@gmail.com). In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

**Member Absent:** Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Ed Roundy, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

**Staff Present:** Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

*Chairman Clark appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Ed Roundy, Member.*

I. **Discussion Item**

a. **Invasive Species Management at Front Bay Conservation Area & Towns Garden; Lee Gilman & Associates Contract**

Lenore Clark stated the Commission can no longer wait to address the issues of invasive species. She stated she feels the Commission has engaged in a lot of discussion; noting the Commission needs to vote on proposal from Lee Gilman & Associates and requested a motion relative to such. She stated Mr. Gilman has already given his opinion that the properties will be completely overrun in fifteen years.

**It was moved by Warren Muir and seconded by Brian Gifford to approve the proposal from Lee Gilman & Associates to address invasive species at the Front Bay Conservation Area and Towns Garden properties as outlined in the proposal dated November 27, 2020.**

***Discussion of motion:***

Jeff Marchand asked if the first stage of the contract only addresses bittersweet.

Lenore Clark reviewed the proposal, dated November 27, 2020.

Jeff Marchand stated there are non-native plants that are labeled as invasive such as multiflora rose. He stated the Norway maple is a desired tree for sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> however, he does not feel that either are killers of the habitat. He stated he is in favor of the contract but, would like to take a second look at the Norway maple.

Lenore Clark agreed with Mr. Marchand stating that it's more about preventing the monoculture and loss of biodiversity.

Jeff Marchand stated he has no idea what is nesting in them or is beneficial to the habitat to provide to wildlife. He stated he wanted to discuss the matter prior to the vote.

Nancy Byrd stated glyphosates have shown to have done harm across major kingdoms plants, and it is the very breaths of glyphosate which gives me pause. She stated there are too many species that can be hidden victims of its use; noting the use needs to be looked carefully. She stated there has been a decline in species however, there is no scientific data to support such (stating there is always one species or another that's in trouble and you have to ask why). She stated most of the literature on glyphosates for many, many years was funded by the industry. She stated parks are overrun by exotic invasive plants as well however, she recommends mechanical removal on a massive scale with the use of heavy equipment. She stated that if goats were able to be brought in you wouldn't want the goats eating what has been treated with herbicides. She stated she is dismayed by some of the sources that are being cited; noting The American Enterprise Institute is a well-known dealer of misinformation (and have a lot of subsidiary groups). She stated she could provide some of the misinformation that they are putting out.

Dan Coons stated he would prefer not to have glyphosate in his food products however, he views the control of invasives as something different and plans to vote in favor of the motion.

Warren Muir stated he doesn't like the idea of using an herbicide unless it absolutely has to be used. He stated he thinks the Commission is at the point that something has to be done and the use of herbicides is being proposed to be used in a selective way; noting it is not bio-accumulative and has a limited lifetime in the environment. He stated he doesn't think that mechanical removal would work for these properties.

Lenore Clark stated she thinks that overall, the members of the Commission feel similarly that this is a method of last resort. She stated she still personally feels strongly that the Commission's goal is to get the sites to a point where they can be managed by mechanical means only. She stated the Commission has to improve the monitoring of the properties.

Warren Muir stated he thinks the ecological concerns of the invasives far outweigh the ecological concerns associated with the use of glyphosate in this targeted way.

Jim Nupp stated from his personal experience as a previous Christmas tree owner for many years, the recommendations were that glyphosate was the best means of maintaining control of invasive species, particularly in Christmas tree farm plantations. He stated the reasoning for such was because the chemical breaks down very quickly in the soil and was not lasting. He stated the chemicals are not carried by moisture in the soil. He stated he thinks that Mr. Gilman is on solid ground scientifically and would support the proposal particularly for bittersweet removal and control.

There being no further comments, Chairman Clark requested a vote on the motion.

**Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – no, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Bob Gilbert – yes. The motion passed (6-1). The motion passed.**

Lenore Clark stated she would notify Mr. Gilman of the vote and request a long term plan proposal that includes moving towards mechanical efforts only for the removal and maintenance of invasive species.

*Brian Gifford left the meeting at 12:05 pm.*

## **II. Other Business**

### **NHDES Dredge & Fill Application**

Children's Trust, The Anne Grousbeck Matta 2005 Trust  
456 Sewall Road, Lake Winnepesaukee  
Tax Map #229-4  
Standard Dredge & Fill

The applicant proposes to repair/replace an existing permanent crib supported dock in-kind, repair existing boathouse with no change in size or location other than the removal of the walls, leaving a 5'x13.4' section on the shore side, install a seasonal canopy on the south side of the dock and install two PWC lifts on the north side.

***Referencing the Children's Trust, The Anne Grousbeck Matta 2005 Trust Standard Dredge & Fill application, Tax Map #229-4, the Commission noted that the boathouse does not actually allow access to/from the lake by boats, but is enclosed by the U-shaped dock. The Commission also noted that work on the north side of the dock will occur within the 20' property line extension and that such does not require abutter permission because the repair/replacement is "in-kind" other than the addition of the PWC lifts. The Commission has no objection and waives its right to intervene. We request that if there is any lighting associated with this proposal, Wolfeboro's Dark Sky Ordinance pertaining to residential lighting be followed (Zoning Ordinance 175-53): "Residential lighting. These provisions are intended to prevent private and public nuisances and protect property values. This section applies to existing and proposed single-family and duplex residential uses.(1) Residential lighting uses shall not be used or***

*maintained in such a fashion as to inhibit or interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties.(2) Spotlights, floodlights and other bright security lighting shall be limited in such a fashion as not to direct light onto neighboring property. Security lighting using motion-detection switches is encouraged but continual lighting must be angled or shielded in such a fashion as not to produce glare onto neighboring property, particularly dwelling units.*

*(3) Accent lighting, low-wattage seasonal lighting and other fixtures commonly associated with residential uses are not intended to be prohibited by this section."*

*It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Brian Gifford to adjourn the May 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Lenore Clark - yes, Nancy Byrd – yes, Brian Gifford – yes, Jeff Marchand – yes, Dan Coons – yes, Warren Muir – yes, Bob Gilbert – yes. The motion passed (7-0).*

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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