TOWN OF WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION October 10, 2016 MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Richard O'Donnell, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

<u>Members Absent</u>: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Jeff Marchand, Art Slocum, Members, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:40 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Art Slocum, Member.

I. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u>

September 12, 2016 Minutes

Correction: Page 3, Section IV; change "relocated" to "remove"

<u>It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the September 12, 2016</u> Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes August 29, 2016

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the August 29, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as amended. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Richard O'Donnell, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes September 12, 2016

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the September 12, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes September 14, 2016 Correction: Page 1, Members Present; strike "Lenore Clark"

It was moved by Richard O'Donnell and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the August 22, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as amended. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Richard O'Donnell, Sarah Silk voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes October 1, 2016

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Richard O'Donnell to approve the October 1, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Bridger Easement

The Commission tabled such.

b. Contract Mowing/Brush Trimming Services for Towns Garden & Goodwins Basin

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Jim Bean regarding mowing and brush trimming at both the Towns Garden and Goodwins Basin properties. He stated Mr. Bean quoted \$360 to trim the shoreline at Goodwins Basin, \$300 to cut the alders at the Towns Garden property and \$240 to mow a portion Towns Garden property. He stated Dave Wheeler, former member of the Conservation Commission previously trimmed the brush along the shorefront of Goodwins Basin. He noted the Storm Water Quality Protection Act would be complied with. Referencing the Towns Garden property, he stated the old meadow is overgrown with 5'-10' tall goldenrod, alder and shrubs. He stated that if such is not maintained, the meadow will turn back into forest. Trimming the brush will also allow for more sunlight on the garden area.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Sarah Silk to contract Jim Bean for mowing and brush trimming services at both the Towns Garden (in the amount of \$540) and Goodwins Basin (in the amount of \$360) properties. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

c. Easement Monitoring The Commission tabled scheduling such until the next monthly meeting.

III. Old Business

Whiteface Mountain; Conservation Easement Deed, Trailhead Access No report.

Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring

Dan Coons noted the traps need to be checked.

IV. <u>New Business</u>

Survey of Town Owned Properties Abutting Whiteface Mountain

Ed Roundy stated a property owner of an abutting parcel to Whiteface Mountain has expressed interest in conserving his property. He stated the property also abuts Youngs Brook.

Dan Coons stated he and Don McBride discussed surveying the Town owned properties surrounding Whiteface Mountain; noting Randy Tetreault quoted \$10 to survey the properties,

including boundary marking. He stated the Land Bank would contribute to 50% of the costs associated with such and questioned whether the Commission would contribute the remaining 50%.

Richard O'Donnell asked if the properties were contiguous.

Dan Coons replied yes.

Ed Roundy stated a property owner of an abutting parcel to Whiteface Mountain has expressed interest in conserving his property. He stated the property also abuts Youngs Brook.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to contribute 50% toward survey costs of abutting properties to Whiteface Mountain (Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro to contribute 50%). All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Towns Garden Property

Ed Roundy stated he observed additional boundary markers that were improperly located and noted markers need to placed along the southern boundary. He recommended the Commission consider a long term use plan for the property.

Dan Coons stated the invasive species treatment has been completed; noting another treatment would occur following two growing seasons in order to treat prior to the invasive species becoming mature.

Willey Brook

Dan Coons stated Andrew Lester submitted a counter offer to construct 4-5 miles of trails at Willey Brook for \$30,000; noting said cost estimate is less than the cost estimate provided by Student Conservation Association and Appalachian Mountain Club. He stated the Commission also received a bid from Jed Talbot.

Sarah Silk questioned Mr. Lester's qualifications.

Dan Coons stated he is as qualified as the Student Conservation Association however, not as qualified as Jed Talbot and Appalachian Mountain Club. He stated Mr. Lester is proposing a multiuse trail similar to the hiking trail at Whiteface Mountain.

Sarah Silk asked if a pump track is proposed. She stated a Certificate of Insurance would be required.

Dan Coons replied no.

Ed Roundy verified motorized vehicles would not be permitted.

Lenore Clark requested Mr. Lester submit a new proposal outlining the reduced scope of the project and contract to include a schedule for completion.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sarah Silk stated the last day of Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for 10/15/16 from 8:30am – Noon.

V. <u>Informational Items</u>

The Commission was provided the following informational items; Letter from Caleb King re: Donnda Cottage Trust, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food Special Permit Approval, NHACC Annual Meeting, MMRG Hike, Supply Lines With The Source publication and NH DES correspondence.

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the October 10, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Lee Ann Keathley* Lee Ann Keathley