

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 12, 2009
MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark, Bob Gilbert, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Members.

Member Absent: Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

September 14, 2009

Correction:

Page 4, Goodwin's Basin (motion); strike "\$450", replace with "\$400"

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Bob Gilbert to approve the September 14, 2009 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Dave Wheeler, Bob Gilbert, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Randy Tetreault abstained. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

September 18, 2009

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the August 10, 2009 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Bob Gilbert, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Sarah Silk, Dave Wheeler abstained. The motion passed.

August 28, 2009

Correction:

Page 1, Members Present; insert "Ed Roundy"

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the August 28, 2009 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

July 13, 2009

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the July 13, 2009 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Guest; Bob Leavy, Walt's Woods**

Dan Coons oriented the Board to the location of the property.

Bob Leavy reviewed the topography and wetlands located on the property and access to the property; noting a Right-of-Way over Dorothy Hubbard's property. He stated he believes the stream is an intermittent stream however; it's labeled a permanent stream by Barry Keith.

Randy Tetreault questioned the acreage.

Bob Leavy stated there are two lots; 15 acres and 10 acres.

Ed Roundy questioned Mr. Leavy's intent.

Bob Leavy stated he would like to place a conservation easement on the properties.

Ed Roundy stated the properties meet many of the criteria for protection of land such as wetlands, shoreland, wildlife corridor and land contiguous to a property that currently has an easement (Avery property).

Bob Leavy questioned whether an easement could exclude structures on the property.

Dan Coons replied yes. He stated he contacted Moose Mountain Regional Greenways regarding the project; who noted interest in such.

Bob Leavy stated he would like to have public access however, expressed concern for such. He stated he does not want vehicular access except for by the owner or Conservation Commission.

➤ **Guest; Mark Herbert**

Mark Herbert resigned his position as forester to the Commission; stating he has moved out of the area and is doing an extreme disservice to the Town. He recommended contacting Dennis Thorell. He submitted his working files of the properties. He stated a lot of work needs to be done to the Trask Mountain and Upper Beach Pond properties and encouraged the Commission to follow the recommendations of the new forest management plan for the latter. He recommended thinning the Tutt lot and Clow lot in summer / fall 2010.

➤ **Guest; Ken Marschner, Milfoil Committee**

Ken Marschner, Chairman, Milfoil Committee, stated the following bodies of water are included in the Milfoil Committee's efforts; Rust Pond, Lake Wentworth, Crescent Lake, Back Bay and Wolfeboro Bay. He stated Rust Pond is the only body of water that is milfoil free. In regard to Lake Wentworth, he stated the Lake Wentworth Association is a model association in regard to taking on responsibility and dealing with the milfoil problem. He stated the association constantly monitors the issue and contributes to weekly hand pulling of milfoil during the summer months. He stated a 5-year management plan was established for Lake Wentworth and Crescent Lake in 2007. He stated an infestation of milfoil located in Goodwin's Basin will be handled in 2010. He reviewed the history of Back Bay and treatment efforts of such. He stated the total cost to date for milfoil treatment of Back Bay is \$80,000; noting \$13,000 is grant money and an additional \$13,000 is through a Milfoil Trust. He stated harvesting costs \$1800/day; noting one 15 acre treatment costs \$10,600. He stated the Lake Wentworth Association has funded their expenses related to treatment of milfoil. He stated the Back Bay Protective Association has been formed and the Abenaukee Ski Club has taken on the role of the Lake Host Program.

Dan Coons questioned whether there is anticipated involvement with smaller bodies of water such as Sargents Pond.

Ken Marschner stated a preliminary survey was performed the first year the Committee was created that included Upper Beach Pond, Batson Pond, Lower Beach Pond and Sargents Pond however, such have not been included in the efforts.

Ed Roundy questioned whether there is evidence that the amount of water coming from Smith River makes a difference in Back Bay.

Ken Marschner stated the water level is not necessarily a major issue.

➤ **Town Garden**

Mike Hodder stated there is considerable encroachment onto the Town's Garden property via a property located on Old Mill Road; noting the amount of the encroachment is unknown.

Ed Roundy verified the Conservation Commission is responsible for enforcement action; noting it is the Commission's responsibility to promote the best use of the land.

Lenore Clark questioned whether the encroachment affects the Town's Garden property.

Dan Coons replied no, however, stated a property line needs to be established.

Mike Hodder volunteered to write a letter regarding the encroachment. In regard to the Food Pantry project, he stated the garden has been shut down for the season.

Dan Coons stated he has finished flagging the wetlands and will complete the wetlands assessment within 3 weeks.

➤ **SB 381**

Mike Hodder stated he is in favor of delaying placing such on the 2010 Town Warrant; noting continued opposition to the article. He stated the voters and the BOS need to be persuaded to allow their money to be spent on projects outside of the Town's boundaries. He stated the Commission needs time to further research the issue and see what other towns are doing.

Dan Coons stated at the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways meeting he was informed two other towns voted down the article.

The Commission agreed to table placing SB 381 on the 2010 Town Warrant.

➤ **LCIP Annual Monitoring Reports**

No report - the Commission tabled such.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Bill Rae regarding designating the Bill Rae Conservation Area; noting Mr. Rae stated he would be honored by such. He stated the Commission needs to go to the BOS to request the additional 35 acre parcel owned by the Town be placed under the management of the Conservation Commission.

➤ **Master Plan Implementation Matrix**

Staff informed the Commission that Mike Hodder, Dan Coons and she would be reviewing the objectives of the Master Plan as it relates to the responsibilities of the Commission on an ongoing basis. She reviewed the project status of the following strategies; RP.22, RP.26, RP.28, RP.1, RP.15, RP.6, FLD.7 and HCS.1.

➤ **Boundary Marking of Conservation properties / easements**

Dan Coons stated he looked at the easement along Winnepesaukee Estates when reviewing a possible wetlands complaint by the Jehovah Witness Church (neighbor concerned that work was being done in the wetlands however, observed forestry being done). He stated marking the easement would not be difficult.

Randy Tetreault requested Staff provide 100 markers for the Avery property.

Old Business

➤ **White Face Mountain**

Ed Roundy stated the Land Bank contacted the primary land owner who inherited the land from his father and intends to preserve the land and allow access to the public. He stated the land owners on Cowper's Road would now be approached. He scheduled a site visit for Saturday, 10/17/09, 9 AM; meet at the Town Hall.

➤ **Sewall Woods**

Mike Hodder stated he has not heard from Jan Brooks, Carpenter School regarding field trips to Sewall Woods.

It was moved by Dan Coons and seconded by Randy Tetreault to adjourn the October 12, 2009 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley