

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 14, 2009
MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Bob Gilbert, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Lenore Clark, Member.

Consideration of Minutes

August 10, 2009

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

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

August 10, 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

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the August 28, 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.

July 13, 2009

The Commission tabled the minutes to 10/19/09.

Discussion Items

- **Guests; Charlie Horsken, Chairman, Blair Moody, Mark Lush, Members, Agricultural Commission**
Charlie Horsken noted the following projects the Agricultural Commission is currently engaged in; inventory of agricultural activities within the Town and providing review and comment to the Planning Board regarding proposed zoning changes to the Agricultural Districts. Referencing the latter, he stated the Committee is using Best Management Practices as a basis for changes to zoning.

Dan Coons questioned the definition of farming.

Charlie Horsken stated such is defined by RSA 21:34, A. He stated the Committee is currently reviewing the Town's ordinance and definitions to provide recommendations.

Ed Roundy questioned what is currently allowed.

Charlie Horsken stated such depends upon the zoning district.

Sarah Silk stated the Planning Board is recommending two Agricultural Zoning Districts. She stated the Commission is trying to achieve consistency between State and local zoning.

Charlie Horsken noted one district would include 5-acre zoning and the other 10-acre zoning.

Bob Gilbert questioned whether anything is being done to preserve land for farm use only.

Charlie Horsken stated some owners have placed conservation easements on their property.

➤ **Town Garden**

Sarah Silk questioned a date specific for completion of the wetland delineation; questioning whether the school is awaiting the information from the delineation prior to moving forward with their work.

Mike Hodder stated the wetland delineation does not affect the school's immediate project.

The Commission reviewed the bids from Folsom Design Group, Ilex Wetlands Consultants and North Country Soil Services.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Sarah Silk to award the Wetland Delineation Proposal bid to Ilex Wetlands Consultants in the amount of \$978.00. Mike Hodder, Bob Gilbert, Sarah Silk, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.

Mike Hodder reported the Food Pantry was able to grow green beans, squash and potatoes. He stated work would be done during the winter to prepare for spring; noting additional aid from the Public Works Department would be necessary.

Bob Gilbert questioned the creation of a Town Garden for those individuals who live in apartments or houses without sufficient land for a garden.

Sarah Silk stated an attempt to do such had occurred previously however, due to the lack of water, it failed.

Mike Hodder stated the land previously used as a Town Garden is now a wetland. He reviewed the school's Master Plan for the property; 1 acre woodlot, public walkways, Food Pantry garden, etc.

➤ **Walt's Woods**

Dan Coons oriented the Commission to the location of the property (Rust Pond, adjacent to the Avery property). He stated the owner's intent is to preserve the 25+ acre parcel in memory of their son. He stated Moose Mountain Regional Greenways could provide help with the easement process. He stated there is an adjacent property that may not be developable.

➤ **Water Protection Seminars**

To be placed on the 2010 Work Program.

➤ **LCIP Annual Monitoring Reports**

Mike Hodder & Bob Gilbert volunteered to inspect the Front Bay Conservation Area.

Ed Roundy volunteered to inspect the McBride Easement; noting he would attempt to settle the access issue. He stated he would contact Don McBride regarding such.

➤ **2010 Budget**

The Commission reviewed the 2010 budget.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to accept the 2010 Budget, as presented. Dan Coons, Bob Gilbert, Ed Roundy, Mike Hodder, Dave Wheeler voted in favor. Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he proposes to name the land on North Line Road (former Cassis property), north of Sargents Pond, and the 35-acre adjacent Town owned parcel the Bill Rae Conservation Area. He also requested the Commission approach the BOS to take control of the latter property. He stated language relative to such is noted in the Trask Mountain lot deed.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Dave Wheeler to pursue placing the 35-acre Town owned parcel, North Line Road, under the management of the Conservation Commission for the purpose of designating the Bill Rae Conservation Area. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **NRI Maps**

Master Plan Natural Resources Chapter Public Forum scheduled for 10/20/09 at the Wolfeboro Public Library, 7 PM.

➤ **Conservation Easements on Town owned properties**

Dan Coons stated he inquired as to whether Moose Mountain Regional Greenways holds easements for town owned properties and was informed the organization does not. He noted that any organization that holds an easement would probably require a fee to maintain the easement.

Mike Hodder questioned whether Lakes Region Conservation Trust charges a fee.

Dan Coons replied yes.

Mike Hodder questioned whether LCIP holds easements.

Dan Coons stated he would contact Steve Walker, OEP (Office of Energy & Planning).

Mike Hodder questioned whether the deed could be rewritten to include restrictions on the property.

Dan Coons replied yes, however noted such would not provide the level of protection that a conservation easement provides; noting the deed could be changed by the owner.

➤ **Upper Beach Pond Forest Management Plan (Request for Bids)**

Dan Coons questioned the intent of such and requested Staff to retrieve said information.

Sarah Silk stated the Town may have easements on the properties; noting that some of the easements may not allow forestry.

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

No report.

New Business

➤ **Walker Special Use Permit application**

Referencing the 8/4/09 Planning Board's minutes, specifically the Walker Special Use Permit application, Sarah Silk stated Kathy Barnard questioned whether the Conservation Commission's comments were incorporated into the plan for the property. She stated the minutes do not reflect what the Commission's comments were and that Ms. Trefry (applicant's agent) did not respond.

Staff stated the application had been submitted and formally reviewed, including the Conservation Commission's comments and recommendations, at the Planning Board's meeting in April; noting the minutes from said meeting reflect such. She further stated NH DES requested additional information as part of the Dredge & Fill application and as such, Ms. Trefry submitted the additional information to reflect the requests by NH DES and the Conservation Commission.

➤ **Goodwin's Basin**

Staff reviewed the bill from Donovan Construction for the cost of mowing and cleaning of the property (\$400) and informed the Commission Bill Donovan submitted an estimate of \$450 for tree trimming.

Following discussion, the Commission agreed to postpone the trimming of the property until 2010.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to pay Donovan Construction in the amount of \$450.00 for the mowing and cleaning of Goodwin's Basin. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dave Wheeler stated he would coordinate with the members in regard to a date to clean the trash on the site; noting Mr. Donovan hauled out 8 bags of trash. He stated there remains additional trash on the site.

Sarah Silk recommended coordinating with Adam Tasker, Solid Waste Facility, for trash pickup on Earth Day next year; noting if the trash bags are placed on the side of the road, the Town would pick up the bags. She also recommended contacting the high school (community service).

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the September 14, 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 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley