

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 8, 2010

MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci, Members.

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler Randy Tetreault, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

October 11, 2010

Corrections:

Page 1, El Bizri, Orchards Road; Insert "The Commission has no objection to Mr. El Bizri's request to install a fountain system on his property."

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the October 11, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

October 20, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the October 20, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

October 27, 2010

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the October 27, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ Bill Rae Conservation Area

Dan Coons requested the Commission consider purchasing a picnic table for the area by the water. He stated the Parks & Recreation Department purchases picnic tables from Summit Supply.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to expend no more than \$300 for a picnic table at the Bill Rae Conservation Area. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Town's Garden**

Mike Hodder stated he met with Bruce Farr's Region 9 Forestry class on 11/5/10; noting the class presented their goals for this year for the property. He stated plans included removal of four or six trees, brush piles and cleaning up the existing trail network. He stated bittersweet removal using chemical application painted onto plants was also proposed however, he told the class no chemical application would be allowed at this time.

➤ **Wetlands Ordinance**

Dan Coons stated the draft Wetlands Ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Board; noting Rene Pelletier, NH DES attended the Board's 11/2/10 meeting and made recommendations to the ordinance. He stated the Planning Board requested the Wetlands Ordinance Subcommittee review the recommendations of Mr. Pelletier; noting the public hearing scheduled for such has been cancelled and will be rescheduled following revisions to the draft ordinance.

➤ **Auto Village of Wolfeboro, Inc. Conservation Easement**

Dan Coons informed the Commission of a conservation easement for Auto Village of Wolfeboro, Inc. (former Gary Miller car dealership property); noting the Lake Wentworth Foundation as the holder of the easement. The easement was recorded on February 16, 2001.

➤ **Town owned properties**

The Commission discussed having a town wide wetland mapping, forest management plans and Natural Resource Inventories done on Town owned properties. In addition, the Commission discussed applying the 2010 NH Method for review of wetland functions and values that were done by Ray Lobdell in 1996.

➤ **Ellie's Woodland Walk**

Dan Coons stated the Public Works Department provided maintenance work in the parking area.

The Commission discussed revising the flyer to include a map to the boardwalk.

➤ **Easement monitoring**

The Commission discussed monitoring easements on a yearly basis and continued the discussion to the 12/13/10 meeting.

➤ **Boundary Marking**

The Commission tabled discussion of such until 12/13/10.

➤ **Waterline Easement**

Dan Coons reviewed the memo from the Town Manager, dated 11/5/10; noting the Department of Public Works is proposing the Town grant a water line easement to place a water line connection under the driveway of the Public Safety Building to service the doctor's office next door. He stated such would convey a real estate interest in Town owned property to another party and as such, Town Counsel has advised that the Town must conform with the procedures of RSA 41:14-a, which requires the review and recommendation of the Commission relative to the proposed transaction. He stated the water line has already been constructed in the proposed easement area, and that the accompanying sewer easement being conveyed to the Town has already been approved by the BOS; noting such formalizes the prescriptive easement the Town has had over the private parcel abutting the Public Safety Building for the existing sewer line.

Following review of the documents, the Commission noted no objection to the proposal.

Old Business

➤ **Bean property**

Ed Roundy stated a suggestion has been made to gift the property to the Town due to the value of the property and the amount of taxes currently being paid on the property however; no final decision has been made.

The Commission discussed whether the Parks and Recreation Department could provide maintenance and mowing of the property if it were to be gifted to the Town.

New Business

➤ **Batson Pond**

The Commission discussed the definition of a Prime Wetland; noting Dan Coons, Mike Hodder and Dave Wheeler visited the site.

➤ **Natural Heritage Bureau**

The Commission discussed having a presentation to the Commission and possibly a public forum presentation by the Natural Heritage Bureau relative to natural communities.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the November 8, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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**Please note these minutes were compiled from information provided by Dan Coons and Mike Hodder.*