

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 13, 2010

MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Randy Tetreault, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

November 8, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the November 8, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

November 8, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the November 8, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

November 13, 2010

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the November 13, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler, Randy Tetreault abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Membership

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to renew the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways membership in the amount of \$100.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ Bill Rae Conservation Area

Dan Coons stated Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy and he walked the perimeter of the property; noting a beaver dam area adjacent to the property. He stated the Public Works Department leveled off the parking area.

Mike Hodder stated the Electric Department is installing posts for a chain gate at the access points of the property.

➤ **Wetlands Conservation Overlay District**

Sarah Silk questioned a possible conflict with Sections VI and VIII. She stated Rene Pelletier has issues about not using the NH Method which determines wetland types by functions and values.

Dan Coons stated there is no NH Method for categorizing a single wetland as opposed to comparing two or more wetlands.

Mike Hodder stated the draft ordinance provides much more protection than what currently exists; noting the ordinance provides for a 25' "strip" rather than just a lineal setback.

Sarah Silk stated Rene Pelletier also has concerns regarding surface waters.

Randy Tetreault stated the State has no setback for wetlands; noting the subcommittee did not want to trump the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. He stated the State is currently working on a new categorization method.

Referencing page 3, Ed Roundy stated removal of construction debris / silt fencing should be clarified. He also questioned how sapling is defined.

Mike Hodder stated Mr. Roundy's questions/concerns will be forwarded to staff.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to support, in concept, the draft revision to the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District Ordinance, dated November 30, 2010.

Discussion of the motion:

Ed Roundy questioned whether accepting the revision would limit the Commission to making changes in the future.

Mike Hodder stated the Commission doesn't make the changes.

Sarah Silk expressed concern; noting the State doesn't have any pre-2003 exceptions and is worried the Town will get sued again.

Mike Hodder stated the revised ordinance is stricter than the existing ordinance.

The Commission discussed the history of the ordinance.

Mike Hodder withdrew his motion.

Lenore Clark withdrew her second.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to support, in essence, the draft revision to the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District Ordinance, dated November 30, 2010. Mike Hodder, Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Dan Coons, Randy Tetreault abstained. The motion passed.

➤ **Forest Management Plans**

Dan Coons stated he met with Eric Groves, Forester who did the Forest Management Plan for Upper Beach Pond for the Water Department. He stated Mr. Groves has agreed to be the Commission's forester. He stated the records and previous management plans are not comprehensive and recommended Forest Management Plans for the following properties; Brown lot, Clow lot, Trask Mountain lot, Wiley Brook/Fernald Station, Armory, Town Forest and Bill Rae Conservation Area.

Ed Roundy questioned whether the Commission could use land conservation fund monies for such.

Sarah Silk stated in the past the Commission used money from tree cutting to pay for a future report; noting such was self sustaining.

Dan Coons stated the Commission could use the land conservation fund money. He stated Mr. Grove's rate is \$60/hour.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Randy Tetreault to hire Eric Grove's as the Conservation Commission's forester. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Scholarship**

Randy Tetreault stated he attended the Farmington Conservation Commission; noting the Principal, Environmental Studies teacher and two students were in attendance and requested a scholarship for the best "environmental student".

Sarah Silk stated in the past, the Conservation Commission has sponsored a child to go to camp however, such stopped due to the conflict with the school district's schedule (noting the child would have missed the last few days of school).

Dan Coons stated he would contact Carol Andrews regarding such and questioned whether there should be student representatives on the Commission.

➤ **Easement monitoring**

Dan Coons stated the Commission needs to do a better job at such; noting it is required by law to monitor easements periodically.

The Commission tabled further discussion of such to the January meeting.

Ed Roundy stated there may be volunteers willing to do such.

➤ **Boundary Marking**

The Commission discussed where the boundaries were marked at the Bill Rae Conservation Area by White Mountain Survey Company.

Mike Hodder volunteered to place boundary markers at Ellie's Woodland Walk.

➤ **Community Environmental work**

Dan Coons stated both the high school and Brewster Academy have community service requirements; noting the Brewster Academy students are involved with GALA. He stated he would contact the teacher associated with such at Brewster Academy; noting the possibility of the students performing lake sampling.

Old Business

➤ **Bean property**

Ed Roundy stated there seems to be a favorable reaction by the family to deed the land to the Town; noting the Town would maintain the boat ramp. He stated Ethan Hipple would maintain 2-3 picnic tables at the site.

➤ **Goodwin's Basin**

Ed Roundy questioned the status of cutting at Goodwin's Basin.

Dan Coons stated he met with Bill Donovan at the site and marked trees he did not want cut. He stated Mr. Donovan is aware that he needs to keep 50 points per the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

New Business

➤ **Ellie's Woodland Walk brochure**

Mike Hodder stated he would rewrite the brochure for Ellie's Woodland Walk.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the December 13, 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 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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**Please note the meeting minutes were taken by Lenore Clark and typed by Lee Ann Keathley.*