

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 9, 2010

MINUTES

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

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

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Consideration of Minutes July 12, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the July 12, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes July 12, 2010 July 26, 2010 August 5, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the July 12, 2010, July 26, 2010 and August 5, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ Bill Rae Conservation Area

Mike Hodder stated the woods road has a right-of-way on it as a result of a boundary agreement from the 1970's between George Wakefield and Helen Friedman; noting that when the Friedman heirs conveyed the land to Casco, LLC the right-of-way was retained over the woods road in order to have access to Sargents Pond. He stated the Friedman heirs no longer own the land however, according to Town Counsel, if the Commission wishes to install a gate at the North Line Road access to prohibit traffic, Town Counsel recommends an agreement be drafted and signed by the Town and the Friedman heirs to gate the road; noting keys would have to be given to both the Town and the Friedman heirs. He stated a second gate would be installed at the end of the woods road by the pond.

Ed Roundy questioned the amount of use by the Friedman heirs.

Mike Hodder stated he is unsure as to whether they are aware of the right-of-way.

Ed Roundy questioned whether maintenance of the road has been previously done.

Mike Hodder replied no.

Ed Roundy stated it would be in the best interest of the Commission to gate the road however, expressed concern for future use by the public; noting at the present time the public cannot gain access to the Bill Rae Conservation Area legally.

Mike Hodder stated he would pursue the issue with Rob Houseman and Town Counsel.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to authorize the expenditure of legal funds to pursue an agreement relative to installing a gate prohibiting access from North Line Road. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Ellie's Woodland Walk**

Mike Hodder reported that staff from the Parks & Recreation Department brush cut the area; noting the boardwalk is now completely exposed. He stated staff also placed gravel at the turn around area (opening the fire lane between the two arms of Meadow Lane). He stated Charlie Horsken and he are scheduled to replace the rotted boards and do additional brush cutting in October. He stated he would write a letter to the Parks & Recreation Department thanking them for efforts and a job well done.

➤ **Town's Garden**

Mike Hodder expressed interest in meeting with Bruce Farr to discuss his views of the overall goal for the entire property; following such he would schedule Mr. Farr to attend a meeting to discuss such with the Commission.

Ed Roundy recommended expressing interest in additional garden areas for public use or an expansion of the Food Pantry garden.

Mike Hodder stated he would convey such to Mr. Farr.

Dan Coons recommended Mr. Roundy attend the meeting with Mike Hodder and Bruce Farr.

➤ **Goodwin's Basin**

Staff reviewed Bill Donovan's quote for Goodwin's Basin; \$400 to mow the property & \$1600 to trim the brush and remove fallen trees. He stated the cost to mow the former Evans' lot was not included in the quote.

The Commission requested a quote be retrieved for mowing the former Evans' lot. Ed Roundy will contact Mr. Donovan regarding the trimming of the parcel.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to authorize the expenditure of \$400.00 to Bill Donovan to mow Goodwin's Basin. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **2011 Budget**

Following review of the budget, the Commission agreed to the following;

- Increase Dues & Subscriptions, specifically annual dues to Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, in the amount of \$75 (annual dues for MMRG to be \$100.00)
- Vote on the 2011 budget at the 9/13/10 meeting following receipt of notification of NHACC annual dues

- **Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition (ELRHC) Conservation Easement**
Staff informed the Commission the easement has been recorded and placed in the file.

Old Business

- **Bean property, TM #217-44, Conservation Easement**
Ed Roundy stated he met with some of the Bean siblings and Don McBride at the site to discuss a potential conservation easement on the property. He stated the property is appraised at \$250,000. He stated no decisions were made as the siblings have to discuss the issue with other family members.

Dan Coons stated the will prohibits the sale of the property to outside the family.
- **Front Bay Conservation Area**
Dan Coons stated the work day for site clean up and maintenance has not yet been scheduled however, noted such would be in September.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the August 9, 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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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