

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 13, 2010
MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

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

Consideration of Minutes

August 9, 2010

Corrections:

Page 3, Bean Property; insert Dan Coons as present at meeting.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the August 9, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault voted in favor. Dave Wheeler, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

August 9, 2010

August 26, 2010

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the August 9, 2010 and August 26, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault voted in favor. Dave Wheeler, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Sewall Woods Bike Path**

Jim Eisenhower, Pathways Committee, stated the Committee has proposed the enhancement of select trails within Sewall Woods and Abenaki; noting specific trails were chosen to make Wolfeboro the center for nonmotorized vehicles, walking and jogging. He stated the proposal is an attempt to enhance Wolfeboro recreation. He stated Sewall Woods is owned by Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and has received a memo of understanding from LRCT to enhance the select trails. He stated the BOS have approved the enhancement of one trail within the Abenaki area. He stated WEDCO is the fiscal agent for the project and Timber & Stone would be constructing the trails; noting the trails would consist of 1 ½" – 2" of crushed stone, covered with geofabric then covered with 6-8" of crushed stone dust with cribbing along sides of trail.

Randy Tetreault questioned the access to Abenaki from Sewall Woods.

Jim Eisenhower replied through "Share the Road."

Ed Roundy questioned whether they have permission to use the service road to access Abenaki.

Jim Eisenhower replied yes; noting the Town uses the road and there are 3-4 houses on the road. He stated depending on funding, a stone dust trail or paved pathway would be placed along the side of the road. He stated the total cost of the project is \$375,000 (includes agreements and permitting process) and thus far, the Committee has received \$275,000 (including grant money). He stated the Committee is awaiting approval from NH DES.

Dan Coons questioned ADA accessibility.

Jim Eisenhower stated there is no intention for such; noting all grades within the specifications for the trails are permitted for handicap accessibility however, may not be ADA compliant.

Dave Wheeler questioned whether the parking on Clow Road is adequate.

Jim Eisenhower stated the Committee has received a memo of understanding with Cal Flagg. He stated there is some parking on Oak Street.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Mike Hodder stated the people who conducted the title search stated there are two additional property owners (from the Pineo Subdivision) who have rights to the woods road; noting Town Counsel would review such. He stated he disagrees with the findings of the title search.

Sarah Silk questioned whether the issue regarding the right-of-way has been resolved.

Mike Hodder replied no.

➤ **2011 Budget**

Staff informed the Commission NHACC did not increase their annual dues and the 2011 budget has been submitted to the Town Manager.

➤ **Town's Garden**

Mike Hodder stated the garden produced 400 pounds of tomatoes for the Food Pantry. He stated the Committee plans to increase the number of beds by two; noting the Committee conducted a survey from the clients as to the type of food they like to eat. He stated Bruce Farr received a grant from the USDA for the Future Farmers of America to purchase materials. He stated Mr. Farr will develop a plan for the site in total.

Ed Roundy questioned the extent of student involvement during the early spring activities.

Mike Hodder stated manpower from the school will not be available in the future because the students will be working on the site as part of their educational activities. He stated the Food Pantry Garden Committee is actively looking for outside help; noting GALA will be doing cleanup and building compost bins in the fall and kids from the Appalachian Teen Project will be doing cleanup in the spring.

Ed Roundy stated a student from the high school involved in the gardening aspect has merit.

Mike Hodder requested Mr. Roundy be present at his next meeting with Bruce Farr.

➤ **Goodwin's Basin**

Dan Coons stated he met with Bill Donovan regarding the mowing of both parcels and the tree trimming along the shorefront. He stated Mr. Donovan would be submitting a quote for the latter.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to authorize the expenditure of \$500.00 to Bill Donovan for tree trimming at Goodwin's Basin. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Front Bay Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated a date for the work day has not yet been scheduled.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission has an obligation to maintain the parking area for its original purpose; noting European Autowerks continues to park vehicles in the parking area of the Front Bay Conservation Area.

Dan Coons stated he would contact the owner of European Autowerks.

Old Business

➤ **Use of Town Hall facility**

Ed Roundy stated the Commission has historically made good use of the records located at the Town Hall building and requested the ability to use the facility for meetings.

➤ **Walt's Woods**

Ed Roundy stated the Land Bank has taken initiative and entered into a contract for \$1,000 to move the project along.

Randy Tetreault stated Norway Plains is conducting a perimeter survey of the parcel; noting Ms. Hubbard's son is the executor and is dealing with a sister who wants to sell the property and divide the profits however, the son wants to keep the property. He stated renovations to the house are being made. He stated the family has not been approached in regard to the easement; noting he would forward contact information to Dan Coons.

Ed Roundy questioned whether the land is in current use.

Randy Tetreault stated he is unaware.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the September 14, 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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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