

# WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 12, 2010

## MINUTES

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

**Member Absent:** Dave Wheeler, Member.

**Staff Present:** Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

*Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.*

*Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate to sit in for Dave Wheeler, Member.*

### Consideration of Minutes

March 8, 2010

*It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the March 8, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.*

### Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

March 8, 2010

*It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the March 8, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.*

March 13, 2010

### Corrections:

Page 1, insert a period after the word "as is"

*It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the March 13, 2010 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.*

### Discussion Items

- Appointment of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

*It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Randy Tetreault to appoint Dan Coons as Chairman to the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.*

*It was moved by Randy Tetreault and seconded by Dan Coons to appoint Mike Hodder as Vice-Chairman to the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission. Randy Tetreault, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Dan Coons voted in favor. The motion passed.*

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons recommended the Commission hold a dedication ceremony at the access area located on Sargents Pond Road. He stated signage would be located at said location and on North Line Road. The Commission decided the sign would read "Bill Rae Conservation Area, Town of Wolfeboro, 2010".

Dan Coons stated he would contact the Granite State News regarding the event and contact Bill Rae to designate a date for such.

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to expend funds for two signs for the Bill Rae Conservation Area. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

➤ **Conservation Commission Bylaws**

Following review of the bylaws, the Commission agreed to the following revisions;

- Article 4, #5; strike "as requested or required."
- Article 9:02; add new section titled "Vice-Chairman" and use language noted in Section 9:01.
- Article 9:03; insert the language / section relative to Acting Chairman; such to read as follows; "In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at a meeting, the members present shall elect an Acting Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting and shall have all powers of the Chairman.
- Article 9:04; new section to include existing language and title for Secretary

**It was moved by Dan Coons and Mike Hodder to approve the revisions to the Conservation Commission Bylaws. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

➤ **Earth Day**

The Commission volunteered to participate in Earth Day by cleaning the Goodwin's Basin property; scheduled for 4/24/10 at 9 AM (members to meet at the property).

Sarah Silk stated as part of Earth Day monitors and televisions can be dropped off at the Public Works building at no charge on 4/24/10.

➤ **Ryefield Marsh**

Dan Coons stated he volunteered to lead a walk of Ryefield Marsh; walk scheduled for 4/19/10 @ 6 PM.

➤ **"Know Your Non-profits"**

Dan Coons stated GALA is sponsoring a seminar on such at Anderson Hall on 4/20/10 @ 7 PM.

➤ **Expanding Role of Conservation Commission**

The Commission discussed expanding their role and providing guidance on relative issues to the ZBA, Planning Board and TRC. He requested the Commission be informed of any appeal of Planning Board decisions.

Randy Tetreault recommended a member be appointed to the TRC.

Mike Hodder stated there is no regulatory provision for Conservation Commission input on Planning Board and ZBA deliberations.

Following discussion regarding such, the Commission agreed to write to the Planning Board chairman requesting that a Conservation Commission representative be appointed to the TRC.

➤ **Project Evaluation**

Dan Coons stated Moose Mountain Regional Greenways has a formal process for evaluating conservation easements; the Board reviewed the project evaluation paperwork. He recommended considering such when undertaking easements and compare with the project priority criteria the Commission currently reviews.

➤ **VRAP (Volunteer River Assessment Program)**

Dan Coons stated the Commission currently tests two sites along the Smith River and will be adding two additional sites; Hersey/Harvey Brook (unnamed tributary) and Mink Brook.

Mike Hodder stated the VRAP training is on 4/14/10 at the Meredith Community Center. He stated the phosphorus samples are taken twice per year at each location and turbidity, Ph and dissolved oxygen samples are taken every two weeks between Memorial Day and October.

➤ **Goodwin's Basin Milfoil Treatment**

Mike Hodder stated Goodwin's Basin will be treated with herbicides and questioned whether the Commission wishes to go on record being in favor or in opposition to such.

Ed Roundy requested the plan be presented to the Commission.

Dan Coons stated a copy of the report is on file at the Conservation office.

Mike Hodder stated he has concerns regarding the chemical 24D; noting Goodwin's Basin is shallow, has a lot of amphibians, with little water exchange. He stated he has researched studies of 24D and reviewed such with the Commission. He stated the long term effects of the chemical are not understood; noting in studies both for and against the chemical it was noted the chemical affects metamorphic creatures. He stated he is opposed to the use of herbicides for milfoil treatment in Goodwin's Basin.

Lenore Clark stated the chemical is quite controversial and questioned whether the environment gains anything by the Commission providing comment.

Sarah Silk reviewed the history of the Back Bay milfoil treatment; noting the State has concluded that if 24D is not used that hand pulling and suction with the dash units will not rid the milfoil.

Lenore Clark noted Back Bay has a current that runs through it unlike Goodwin's basin.

Mike Hodder stated the chemical hangs around in the water for years after the treatment.

Sarah Silk questioned whether input from the Commission is appropriate.

Dan Coons stated he would request Skip Lorimar, Lake Wentworth Association, to attend the next meeting.

## Old Business

### ➤ **Walt's Woods**

Ed Roundy stated Bob Leavy is working with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways in regard to the easement and would contact him to retrieve a status update.

### ➤ **Forest Management Plan for Upper Beach Pond property**

Ed Roundy stated the Commission should go on record that the Public Works Department is diligent on pursuing and maintaining the harvesting schedule of the property. He also recommended getting a second opinion prior to the use of herbicides. He recommended further protection of the land through extended ownership of abutting parcels in the area.

Mike Hodder expressed concern regarding the construction of the road on the south side of the location; noting concern for salt, gas and oil and soil discard.

Dan Coons stated he would prepare a memo relative to the concerns noted by Commission members.

Ed Roundy stated it is a critical area and should be managed in the best way.

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the April 12, 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 8:15 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*

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