

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 16, 2011

MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault, Members.

Members Absent: Lenore Clark, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

January 10, 2011

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Randy Tetreault to approve the January 10, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

January 17, 2011

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the January 17, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault voted in favor. Dave Wheeler abstained. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

January 6, 2011

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the January 6, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

January 17, 2011

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the January 17, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault voted in favor. Dave Wheeler abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) membership**

Ed Roundy stated timberland management is a purpose of the Commission however, not a priority therefore, he doesn't feel it is essential to maintain membership.

Mike Hodder stated being a member provides a voice/vote to be heard at the table as the organization pushes legislation. He stated the Commission receives information on issues the Association is advocating for.

Dan Coons stated the organization does not want restrictions on timber cutting. He stated he would contact the organization and question the benefits of being a member.

The Commission tabled discussion and vote regarding payment of the NHTOA membership dues.

➤ **Society for the Protection of NH Forests membership**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to renew the Society for the Protection of NH Forests membership in the amount of \$50.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Bean Property**

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Randy Tetreault to enter non-public session at 7:29 PM to discuss a real estate matter. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 7:48 PM.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Mike Hodder stated Rob Houseman received a complaint from Mr. Moody regarding gating the property via Sargents Pond Road and questioned who is responsible for road maintenance and whether the Town would pay its fair share of the road. He stated Mr. Houseman will pursue the Town's involvement with such.

Ed Roundy questioned whether a Town vehicle could access the vehicle (Cadillac) located on the property (recommending removal of such); noting that he knows someone that would remove the vehicle at no cost.

➤ **Conservation Easement on Town owned properties**

Mike Hodder stated during the Town and Governor Wentworth Regional School District litigation a judge ruled the Town owns the land and the Town has the right to sell the property however, the proceeds would be used toward educational uses. He recommended the Commission place an easement on the property (as well as the Town Forest property); noting there is currently no conservation protection on the land.

Randy Tetreault questioned whether it would be more beneficial to place a deed restriction on the property.

Mike Hodder reviewed the court decision; noting a deed restriction currently exists. He stated a cost would be incurred for another organization to hold the easement and would contact the Local Government Center relative to whether the school district could be the easement holder.

Dan Coons stated he would contact Don Berry, Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

➤ **Goodwin Basin Sign**

Ed Roundy stated the Land Bank is interested in placing a sign at the property with language such as "protected by the Wolfeboro Tuftonboro Land Bank, maintained by the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission." He stated the Land Bank wants credit on a historic perpetual basis. He stated it isn't appropriate to have a sign on the property as it would be an obstruction.

Mike Hodder agreed with Mr. Roundy's latter statement.

Dan Coons questioned whether the Land Bank would fund half the cost of a sign.

Ed Roundy replied yes.

Following further discussion, the Commission was not unanimous in its decision to place a sign at Goodwin Basin, per the request of the Wolfeboro Tuftonboro Land Bank.

Ed Roundy stated he would further discuss with the Land Bank the language for the sign.

New Business

➤ **Prime Wetlands**

Dan Coons stated he attended a meeting that reviewed Prime Wetland Rules and the statutes that affect such; noting the meeting included tailoring restrictions of uses and nonuses of Prime Wetland buffers to ensure appropriate uses.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to adjourn the February 16, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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