

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2011

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Randy Tetreault, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

March 14, 2011

Corrections: Page 3, Goodwins Basin Sign; insert "the Land Bank" between "stated" & "wants"
Page 4, Prime Wetlands; insert "at least" between "stated" & "one"

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the March 14, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

March 21, 2011

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the March 21, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Mike Hodder abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

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

Mike Hodder stated he believes the Commission should renew its membership; noting the Commission would be made aware of activities with commercial loggers. He stated the NHTOA testifies before the State regarding wetland and stream buffering rules.

Dave Wheeler stated the organization has a good educational program; noting the organization keeps people informed of forestry issues and maintenance of wood lots.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to renew the NH Timberland Owners Association membership in the amount of \$35.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Front Bay Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated the Commission received a check in the amount of \$30,000; noting the donor is willing to give the Commission another \$30,000 if the Commission can raise \$60,000.

Mike Hodder stated he has begun the process of fundraising efforts for an ADA compliant recreational area at the Front Bay Conservation Area; noting such would not include federal grants. He stated he would be making

a presentation to the Trustee of the Trust Funds of the Town of Wolfeboro. He also recommended changing the name of the Front Bay Conservation Area.

Ed Roundy recommended including a labor match. He stated there is merit to keeping the name due to the history of the property.

Dan Coons recommended using the term “universally accessible” rather than ADA compliant.

Steering Committee to include Mike Hodder, Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Ethan Hipple (and possibly representatives from the TRAC Committee).

Advisory Committee to include Don McBride, Dave Bowers, Richard Boisvert and Michelle Bonesteel.

➤ **Forest Management Plans**

Ed Roundy noted the following criteria should be considered as priorities as part of the forest management plans; provide buffers to harmful runoff, maintain healthy and attractive forests, discourage invasive species, provide access paths, provide wildlife habitats and corridors.

Dave Wheeler stated he prioritized the following lots; #1; Trask Mountain lot, #2; Brown lot (noting both should be considered together, there is no need for intensive management of the properties and are a priority due to timber and wildlife), #3; Armory (timber & income possibilities), #4; Willey Brook (timber & wildlife), #5; Bill Rae Conservation Area (stabilization & roads).

Dan Coons noted the importance to protect old growth forest, utilization of logging roads and yards which protect forest areas and conduct forest operations at optimal times.

The Commission discussed and agreed to hire Erik Groves, Southern NH Forestry, as the Commission’s forester.

➤ **Printing of Conservation Lands and Wildlife Action Plan maps**

Dan Coons stated Lakes Region Conservation Trust has the ability to print such and is awaiting a cost estimate.

➤ **Conservation Easements on Town owned properties**

Dan Coons stated he will be attending the Lake Wentworth Foundation meeting on 4/16/11. He stated the Commission was recommended to consider placing a conservation easement on Goose Rocks, Lake Wentworth; noting the Town considered selling such in the past. He stated Rob Houseman is speaking to Town Counsel regarding the procedure of placing easements on Town owned properties (whether the Commission has to hold a public hearing and place such on the warrant).

➤ **Goodwins Basin Sign**

Ed Roundy stated he would conduct a site visit with representatives from the Land Bank to scout an area for the sign and determine the wording of the sign.

➤ **Moose Mountain Regional Greenway (MMRG)**

Dan Coons stated MMRG hosted a Conservation Easement workshop on 3/30/11; noting there was not a good turnout from Wolfeboro residents (4 residents only). He stated MMRG has misplaced the sign-up sheet.

Old Business

➤ **Bean Property**

Ed Roundy stated another family member is interested in moving forward with preserving the property. He questioned whether the Commission would be interested in an opportunity to provide shelter / cover for a picnic area.

Lenore Clark stated such would be secondary to securing the preserving and acquiring the land.

It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the April 11, 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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