

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 13, 2011

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

May 9, 2011

Corrections: Page 3, Bean property, 3rd paragraph to read as follows; "Ed Roundy stated the Town would own the property and the Conservation Commission would hold the easement."

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the May 9, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

May 9, 2011

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the May 9, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

May 23, 2011

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the May 23, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Front Bay Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he and Mike Hodder staked out the location for a handicap accessible parking lot and met with Josh Ryan regarding the location of trail placement.

Mike Hodder stated once the location of the trail is staked out he would email the Commission and a member of the Advisory Committee will review the trail layout as well. He stated Josh Ryan will be submitting an estimate (give or take 20%) and once such is received he will be presenting such to the Trustees of the Trust Fund; noting the Fund has requested the trail be named the Blake Folsom Trail if the trail is funded in total by the Trust. He stated a final estimate will be submitted by the first week of August. He also stated he will be making a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on July 14th and is currently awaiting a response from the Wolfeboro Rotary Club to schedule a presentation. He stated private donations have been received totaling \$300 and he would be developing a prospectus of the project for selling dedications of benches.

➤ **Conservation Easements on Town owned properties**

Dan Coons stated both the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and Lake Wentworth Foundation are interested in holding easements on Town owned property.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he will be meeting with Jed Talbot on 6/16/11 at 9 AM at the Bill Rae Conservation Area to review ideas and trails at the site.

Mike Hodder noted that Jed Talbot and Josh Ryan (contractor constructing trails at Sewall Woods, Front Bay Conservation Area and Abenaki) studied under the same mentor and has previously been in business together and in competition with one another. He stated there has been no reply to Town Counsel's letter from Scott Moody.

➤ **Forestry**

Dan Coons stated the forester has invited the Commission to look at the logging (scheduled for 6/15/11, 9 AM at Willey Brook); noting an Intent to Cut was filed on two properties.

➤ **Towns Garden**

Mike Hodder stated 6 beds have been built and planted with help from GALA. He stated the Public Works Department delivered two loads of wood chips and a donation was received from Coast of Maine (several hundred pounds of fertilizer).

➤ **Goodwins Basin**

Ed Roundy stated he met with Don McBride to review placement of and language for the historic marker for Goodwins Basin. He proposed the following options; a marker be placed at the park on Town owned land opposite the basin with directional signs (arrows) located on Center Street or a sign on the side of the road stating "Goodwins Basin Conservation Area" (to include a date on the sign). He stated the marker would read, "Goodwins Basin Vista Conservation Area" "In the 20th century ice was harvested in the Basin (by the Moody's) for use in area homes, camps and hotels. Vista preserved in 2008 by the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro and the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission." He stated he would have more information at the next meeting.

Sarah Silk recommended contacting the State regarding possible restrictions for signage along Center Street.

Dan Coons stated the shoreline trimming has not yet been done and requested Staff to contact Bill Donovan.

➤ **Prime Wetlands**

No report.

Old Business

➤ **Bean Property, TM #217-44**

Ed Roundy stated he received an official letter from Kiki Bean stating the family has decided to give the property to the Town with a conservation easement on it. He stated the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro has appropriated \$5,000 towards such. He stated Ms. Bean questioned whether the tax bill could be abated.

➤ **Walts Woods**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Bob Leavy regarding Walts Woods; noting Mr. Leavy is still interested in pursuing conservation efforts on the property.

- **England property**
Dan Coons stated the Planning Board approved a 5-lot subdivision for the property and recommended the Commission speak to the owner regarding placement of a conservation easement on the properties that abut Batson Pond.

Sarah Silk questioned whether the Commission reviewed the application prior to Planning Board approval.

Dan Coons replied no.

New Business

- **Planning Board Public Forum**
Dan Coons stated the Planning Board is hosting a public forum on proposed zoning changes to the Center Street corridor on June 21, 2011, 7 PM at the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom.
- **TRC appointment**
Mike Hodder volunteered to be the Commission representative on the TRC.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Dave Wheeler to adjourn the June 13, 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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Keathley
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