

# WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 11, 2011

## MINUTES

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

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

*Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:38 PM.*

### Consideration of Minutes

June 13, 2011

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the June 13, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### Consideration of Dredge & Fill Minutes

June 13, 2011

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the June 13, 2011 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### **Discussion Items**

➤ **Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG); Keith Fletcher & Kari Lygren**

Keith Fletcher, Director of Land Conservation, Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, provided background history of MMRG. He stated the Wetland Reserve Program is likely to be cut by the State; noting there is still funding available however, the State is looking for proposals that include restoration. He stated Walts Woods would be a good candidate for such. He distributed the 2011 Wetland Reserve Program Easement & Restoration Ranking Sheet, GARC's sheet and Parcel Physical Characteristics Worksheet. He stated Fish & Game also has funding sources available. He stated the organization has protected 4,000+ acres within 7 towns.

Dan Coons informed Mr. Fletcher of a 90-100 acre parcel of land (backland) for potential protection (Batson Pond); noting such is a Prime Wetland with significant restoration potential.

Keith Fletcher questioned whether the Town has natural resource maps and if so, are they used.

Mike Hodder replied yes.

Kari Lygren stated MMRG is sponsoring a water quality cruise on the Winnepesaukee Belle on 8/28/11 and requested input from Commission members regarding events they would like to involve the community that is not currently being covered. She stated a Woods, Water & Wildlife Festival is scheduled for 8/13/11 at Branch

Hills Farm in Milton Mills in addition to other workshops scheduled and recommended the Commission view the MMRG website.

Ed Roundy questioned whether MMRG has done anything with historic markers (referencing Goodwins Basin).

Keith Fletcher stated he would look into such; noting that if it is located on a transportation corridor, funds may be available through the State (Dan Stewart, Enhancement Coordinator).

➤ **Front Bay Conservation Area Recreational Park**

Mike Hodder stated the steering committee voted to give Josh Ryan the job to construct the trail system; noting a final design would be provided in August. He stated the trails have been flagged. He stated he is meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on 7/14/11 to review the project and is awaiting a response for a date from the Rotary to do the same. He stated Chip Maxfield has agreed to be a member of the advisory committee and supports the project. He stated Dave Bowers had donated \$5,000 towards the project.

Staff informed the Commission Dick Jones donated \$2,000.

Dick Jones questioned whether a decision has been made in regard to naming the park and if not, recommended calling it Veterans Park.

➤ **Conservation Easements on Town owned properties**

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Joe Carilli, Lake Wentworth Foundation, requesting a date of either 8/2/11 or 8/8/11 for the members of the Commission and Land Management Committee to view the parcels of land the Commission is interested in having the Lake Wentworth Foundation hold easements on. He requested the Commission provide input as to their availability for such.

➤ **Forestry**

Dan Coons stated logging on the Willey Brook property will commence in 2 weeks.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he and Mike Hodder met with Jed Talbot (trail builder) and walked the property of the Bill Rae Conservation Area. He stated Mr. Talbot quoted a cost of \$650 for a preliminary plan for trail options and infrastructure development.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Randy Tetreault to hire Jed Talbot to provide a preliminary report for trail options and infrastructure development for the Bill Rae Conservation Area and authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$650. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Ed Roundy expressed concern for the parties occurring on the property and questioned enforcement action regarding such. He stated Kirk Titus may know people who would monitor the area.

Sarah Silk recommended contacting the police department and request additional patrols in the area.

Mike Hodder stated the issue of the road needs to be resolved prior to inviting public to the property; noting the nature of the road has not yet been legally resolved.

Dan Coons stated the residents of Sargents Pond Road should notify the police department as well.

➤ **Tree Trimming – Pleasant Valley Road**

Dan Coons informed the Commission the Town's Municipal Electric Department proposes to trim trees along Pleasant Valley Road.

➤ **Towns Garden**

Sarah Silk stated the BOS sent letters of appreciation and recognition to Susan Poirier, Rhonda Alden and Dick Shurtleff.

➤ **Goodwins Basin**

Ed Roundy stated he is trying to obtain accurate historic data for the historic marker proposed. He questioned whether the Commission is interested in moving forward in regard to the placement of a historic marker.

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Randy Tetreault to support and express interest in the establishment of sign(s) and a historical marker for Goodwins Basin. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

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

➤ **Trask Mountain Lot**

Dan Coons stated the logging has been completed on the lot and the Town has received a check for such. He stated the forester has offered his services to blaze/remark the boundaries for approximately \$400; noting the forester would submit a formal quote.

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to hire Southern NH Forestry to blaze the boundaries of the Trask Mountain Lot and authorize the expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$600, from the proceeds of the logging on said property. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Old Business**

➤ **Bean Property, TM #217-44**

Ed Roundy stated the deed with the proposed language is being circulated to the siblings of the Bean family; noting a revision was made to reflect a deed restriction rather than a conservation easement. He stated the family intends to gift the property to the Town with a deed restriction placed on the property.

➤ **Walts Woods**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Bob Leavy who informed him that he feels the property is already protected and that his daughter will respect his wishes in regard to the placing an easement on the property.

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the July 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 8:23 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*

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