

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 12, 2012
MINUTES

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

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Consideration of Minutes
February 13, 2012

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the February 13, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Mike Hodder, Gail Antonucci abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes
February 13, 2012

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the February 13, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Dave Wheeler, Lenore Clark, Randy Tetreault, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Mike Hodder, Gail Antonucci abstained. The motion passed.

February 24, 2012

It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the February 24, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Dave Wheeler, Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Randy Tetreault, Mike Hodder abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Conservation Commission Member Appointments**

Dan Coons stated Art Slocum and Gary Mason have expressed an interest in becoming members of the Commission.

➤ **Taking Action for Wildlife Work Plan**

Ed Roundy questioned the type of habitat that needs protection and encouragement in Wolfeboro.

Dan Coons stated such would be the decision of the Commission.

Lenore Clark questioned whether Amanda Stone is expecting the Commission to develop the criteria.

Ed Roundy stated he presumes fish and aquatic species are considered a habitat and if so, such should be protected.

Dan Coons stated aquatic resources are currently protected by the State.

Mike Hodder stated the information received from Amanda Stone appears to be GIS oriented/based; noting some areas are already identified. He stated some information may not be accurate and questions the practicality of a wildlife plan.

Randy Tetreault stated practicality falls on using the information as a general tool.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission previously developed criteria for protection and recommended such be reviewed annually and revised if necessary.

Mike Hodder volunteered to review the recommendations set forth in the work plan.

➤ **Dredge & Fill Meetings**

Dan Coons stated at times there is difficulty in getting a quorum for the meetings therefore, requested input regarding scheduling meetings for such.

Mike Hodder stated he does not believe the Commission treats Dredge & Fill applications with what is deserved. He noted that applications have major impacts on the Town and environment and the Commission should look at the applications with the same importance as monthly agenda items. He stated the applications are currently not being reviewed by the entire Commission and feels they should be in addition to conducting site visits for each application, recommending prior to the monthly meeting. He questioned whether the applications should be incorporated into the monthly agenda or whether a subcommittee should be formed to address the applications.

Sarah Silk stated in the past the Commission previously conducted site visits.

Ed Roundy stated he is in favor of ensuring an adequate job by the Commission with regard to reviewing applications however, feels that every application does not require a site visit. He stated that if a subcommittee is formed that all members should be notified of the meeting.

Sarah Silk agreed.

Dan Coons, Mike Hodder, Gail Antonucci agreed to serve on the subcommittee if one is formed.

The Commission tabled further discussion to the April 9, 2012 meeting.

➤ **Natural Resources Chapter Recommendations**

Dan Coons stated Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark and he met with members of the Planning Board to discuss the recommendations. He stated the Commission has met most of the recommendations.

➤ **Front Bay Conservation Area Recreational Park**

Dan Coons stated logging has been completed; noting such came in under budget and as a result, the subcommittee authorized spending the remainder of the funds appropriated towards addressing invasive species at the site.

Mike Hodder noted minimal impact and damage to the land as a result of the logging.

He also stated trail construction is scheduled to begin late June/early July. He stated Rob Houseman and he will be in contact with NH DES regarding the permitting process for such.

Mike Hodder noted the following outstanding items; NH DES permit, signs and benches.

Dick Jones stated there may be a need in the future to consider portable toilets.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Ed Roundy recommended any major forestry be postponed until next winter.

Dan Coons noted the need to clean up the shorefront area.

Old Business

➤ **Hubbard Conservation Easement**

No report.

➤ **Boy Scouts/ Eagle Scout Projects**

Mike Hodder stated the Leader from Troop 650 stated he has 2 or 3 Eagle Scouts looking for projects.

➤ **Beaver Trapping at Ryefield Marsh**

Mike Hodder stated he is retrieving a list of trappers from the State who install beaver pipes; noting he would contact the trappers and retrieve cost estimates.

➤ **Bean Easement**

Dan Coons stated he provided the baseline documentation and monitoring report for the Bean Conservation Easement; noting both are located in the file.

➤ **Goodwins Basin Historic Marker**

Ed Roundy stated a preliminary request for such has been made to the State.

Nonpublic Session

Mike Hodder moved that the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission enter non-public session at 8:00 PM to discuss real estate matters. The motion was seconded by Gail Antonucci. Roll Call Vote: Dan Coons; yes, Randy Tetreault; yes, Lenore Clark; yes, Dave Wheeler; yes, Ed Roundy; yes, Mike Hodder; yes, Gail Antonucci; yes. The motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:07 PM.

Chairman Coons stated the nonpublic session minutes of March 12, 2012 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the March 12, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

***The minutes were prepared from an audio recorder.*