

**WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 14, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dan Coons, Chairman, Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Gail Antonucci, Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark, Members, Gary Mason, Art Slocum, Alternates.

**Member Absent:** Sarah Silk, Alternate.

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

*Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:42 PM.*

**Consideration of Minutes**

**April 9, 2012**

**Corrections:**

Page 1, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, appointment of alternate; add” because she has not been sworn in.”

**It was moved by Randy Tetreault and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the April 9, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Dredge & Fill Minutes**

**April 7, 2012**

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 7, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**April 9, 2012**

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 9, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**April 21, 2012**

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to approve the April 21, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**April 28, 2012**

**It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 28, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Mike Hodder, Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler, Ed Roundy, Gail Antonucci voted in favor. Dan Coons abstained. The motion passed.**

## Discussion Items

### ➤ **Taking Action For Wildlife**

Amanda Stone, Wendy Scribner, Kathy Barnard, Stacie Jo Pope and the Commission reviewed the wildlife maps and discussed the work plan. The parties determined the following course of action;

- Identify priority areas for protection; to include target wetland areas, upland areas surrounding wetlands, view sheds
- Identify land owners/abutters of priority areas
- Develop a notification/outreach process to the land owners; mail brochures re: stewardship guidelines and information regarding habitat, place a table at the Town with information or a table at Town functions such as Farmer's Market
- Commission member attend homeowner association meetings
- Review Deerfield, Belmont & New Durham Zoning Ordinances
- Recommend changes to zoning; regulatory aspect
- Establish liaison between Conservation Commission and Planning Board

The Commission reviewed the wildlife map and identified the following priority areas;

- Batson Pond
- Sargents Pond
- Upper Beech Pond
- Warren Brook
- Willey Brook
- Heath Brook
- White Face Mountain
- Ryefield Marsh
- Bill Rae Conservation Area

Joint meeting scheduled for June 11, 2012.

### ➤ **Hubbard Property**

Ed Roundy stated in order for Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) to be involved they want action on the Leavy property; noting it is difficult to know where the latter issue stands.

Randy Tetreault stated he spoke to Bob Leavy and updated him regarding the Hubbard property.

Art Slocum stated LRCT currently owns property in Moultonborough and the organization is looking for opportunities in Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. He stated LRCT would seek financial assistance from Rust Pond Land Owners Association.

Mike Hodder verified existing access issues to the Hubbard property.

Randy Tetreault reviewed the right-of-way issues.

Ed Roundy stated the legal issues need to be resolved with regard to access to the property.

The Commission discussed the contribution of funds towards the purchase of the property and agreed to express interest in such to Don McBride.

➤ **Ryefield Marsh; Beaver Trapping**

Mike Hodder stated the Commission instructed him to look into the practicality and impact of installing water management outflow pipes into the beaver dam at the berm in Ryefield Marsh. He stated he met with two wildlife management specialists, both recommended by NH Fish & Game. He stated the installation of the pipes would require digging a 2'-3' wide, 2' deep opening into the dam and leaving it open for as long as it takes to place the pipe and level it. He stated that following installation, further maintenance and cost for such would be required; noting there is no guarantee the pipes will work (previous installation of the pipes in the 1970's & 1980's have failed). Therefore, he recommended against the installation of the pipes into the beaver dam at this time and suggested the Commission monitor and adjust the water level at the marsh as previously done in the past. He stated that if the situation changes radically an installation could be done rapidly. He requested the Commission authorize the expenditure to the specialists for their review and estimates; total being \$150.00.

The Commission discussed the recommendation and agreed to postpone the installation of the pipes into the beaver dam at Ryefield Marsh.

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Gail Antonucci to authorize the expenditure of \$150.00 to Keith Bennett (\$85.00) and Paul Paradise (\$65.00) for their review and cost estimate for the installation of water management outflow pipes at Ryefield Marsh. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Mike Hodder recommended the Commission speak to the Town Manager regarding the trapping policy; noting that when he spoke to the trapper, he informed him that he had permission from the land owner which would have been the Town Manager. He stated the Commission submitted a memo in March 2010 requesting the Conservation Commission be aware of all activity with an environmental consequence that occurs on Town owned and managed lands if it is to fulfill its statutory mission. He stated the Commission was not notified of the trapping.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Mike Hodder stated the Shoreland Permit was hand delivered to NH DES by Rob Houseman on 5/11/12 and revisions that depict the location of the wood structure was submitted today and approval is expected within two weeks. He stated clearing would be completed by 5/28/12 and construction completed by mid August. He recommended a grand opening be held at the park and requested input from the Commission regarding such.

➤ **Bean Easement**

Ed Roundy read proposed language for a sign at the Bean property; noting the Bean family has requested the name Howard and Nancy Bean be placed on the sign. He stated there should be delineation of the property line (plantings) between the Bean property and The Narrows Condominiums; noting there have been previous issues with the condominium property owners infringing on the Bean property.

Mike Hodder stated a sign has been placed on the property similar to the signs installed on Town owned properties by the Parks and Recreation Department; noting the sign states rules, regulations of use of the property and the Bean name is on the sign. He questioned signage regarding the dock.

Ed Roundy stated the Bean family would take care of such.

Dan Coons questioned whether the Town would be responsible for the sign.

Ed Roundy stated the cost would be shared with the Land Bank.

- **Commission Representative to Planning Board Shoreland Protection Ordinance Subcommittee**  
Kathy Barnard stated the Planning Board has created a subcommittee to review the Town's Shoreland Protection Ordinance; noting the Town adopted such in March 2012 however, concerns from citizens have been expressed regarding the ordinance and the Board wishes to review and address those concerns. She stated the Planning Board is requesting a volunteer from the Commission to serve on the subcommittee.

Mike Hodder volunteered to serve on the committee.

- **Morse Lot**  
Dan Coons stated he was contacted by Richard Morse regarding the donation of his 45 acre parcel, Tax Map 36-1. He stated Mr. Morse purchased the property in 1969 as a wood lot. He stated the parcel has no road frontage. He stated an appraisal needs to be done and transaction fees would be incurred; noting he would retrieve a cost estimate for the appraisal.

Mike Hodder questioned access and recommended the Commission walk the property.

Dan Coons stated access is allowed for forestry purposes however, access for any other purpose would require an easement.

Ed Roundy questioned whether there are conditions placed on the donation of the land.

Dan Coons replied no.

Ed Roundy questioned the ability to log the land.

Dan Coons replied yes.

The Commission agreed to pursue the matter further.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Mike Hodder to adjourn the May 14, 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 8:58 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lee Ann Keathley*  
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