

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 11, 2012
MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Gail Antonucci, Members, Gary Mason, Alternate.

Members Absent: Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Lenore Clark, Member, Art Slocum, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Consideration of Minutes
May 14, 2012

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the May 14, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes
May 14, 2012

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the May 14, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Coons appointed Gary Mason, Alternate, to sit in for Randy Tetreault, Member.

Discussion Items

➤ **Taking Action For Wildlife**

Amanda Stone stated she placed the priority areas, as determined at the previous meeting, on a map (Areas A-I) and reviewed said map.

Mike Hodder submitted additional areas to be placed on the plan in addition to a narrative regarding the description of the areas including features the NRI would list; noting such could form a basis for the rationale to develop language for zoning changes.

Amanda Stone recommended identifying smaller scale habitats in addition to the forestry habitats. She recommended identifying landowners of larger parcels and contact those landowners regarding wildlife habitat management or land conservation (part of outreach).

Mike Hodder suggested the Commission work with the Planning Board to incorporate an overlay district for town wide coverage.

Stacie Jo Pope requested the Commission assist the Planning Board in developing an ordinance.

Amanda Stone recommended the Commission make a presentation to the Planning Board.

Mike Hodder recommended a subcommittee consisting of both the Commission and Planning Board work together prior to the presentation to review each individual area and review the underlying zoning for the identified priority areas to determine the existing level of protection and whether additional protection is necessary.

Wendy Scribner stated a build out analysis could assist in such.

Amanda Stone stated that through public outreach, public support could be gained. She stated they have trained wildlife volunteers to walk different sites to promote public awareness. She recommended developing a catchy name/title.

The parties determined the following course of action;

- Revise map to include Mr. Hodder's recommendations
- Email the revised map to Mr. Hodder for review & forward to Rob Houseman
- Email links to zoning documents to the Commission
- Locate and identify tree farms
- Planning Board representatives review existing zoning areas for protection
- Attend lake association meetings
- The parties agreed to place any zoning changes on the 2014 Town Warrant
- Place information at public events for public outreach (Farmer's Market, Hospital Aid Street Fair, Libby Museum)
- Coordinate walks of priority/conservation areas with Wendy Scribner
- Conservation Commission develop outreach program
- Request Appalachian Teen Project to identify and mark trails in Wolfeboro

➤ **Forestry; Erik Groves, Southern Maine Forestry**

Erik Groves stated he was pleased with the outcome of the logging of the Willey Brook and Trask Mountain lots; noting cut to length process was the harvesting system used which optimized timber profits. He stated the Public Works Department has requested his services with regard to harvesting the Upper Beach Pond lot and recommended harvesting an additional 25-30 acres contiguous to the area and is managed by the Conservation Commission. He stated if the Commission agrees to harvest the acreage, he would recommend it be done in conjunction with the Public Works Department's request to harvest. He stated the proceeds would be separated. He estimated the next harvest in 10 years; noting it does not appear to have been harvested for 30-40 years.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Ed Roundy to hire Erik Groves, Southern Maine Forestry, to harvest 25-30 acres contiguous to the Upper Beach Pond lot contingent upon the Public Works Department decision to harvest the Upper Beach Pond lot. All members voted in favor.

Erik Groves stated he is still working on blazing the boundary lines at the Willey Brook lot. He recommended timber harvesting the Armory lot in addition to re-blazing the boundary lines and using an herbicide to control and eradicate the bittersweet along the road. He stated the initial control measures would cost \$200-\$300 with a follow up treatment 2-3 years later.

Ed Roundy agreed with Mr. Groves' recommendation regarding the control and eradication of bittersweet.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to authorize Erik Groves, Southern Maine Forestry, to timber harvest the Armory lot, re-blaze the boundary lines and apply 2,4-D for the treatment/control of bittersweet at the Armory lot. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Hubbard Property**

Dan Coons stated Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) is not interested in fundraising unless the Leavy property is included. He stated Bob Leavy met with Don Berry, LRCT. In addition, he stated Ed Roundy, Don McBride and he met with Bob Leavy and requested a letter of intention from Mr. Leavy.

Ed Roundy spoke of a possible easement on the O'Dowd property (abutting property).

Mike Hodder questioned if Conservation money is tied to the Hubbard easement.

Dan Coons stated the Commission has not made a formal motion however, it has been general consensus by the Commission to contribute to such as an expression of good faith.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Mike Hodder stated work is to begin on 6/18/12 and the name will officially be Front Bay Park.

➤ **Bean Easement**

Dan Coons stated the dedication ceremony has been postponed, date to be determined.

Ed Roundy stated the sign has been placed at the site and recommended low bush blueberry bushes for a natural boundary between the parcel and the condominiums.

➤ **Goodwins Basin**

Dave Wheeler stated the piles would be burned during the winter months due to State regulations.

Dan Coons requested Staff contact the Parks & Recreation regarding mowing the property.

➤ **Morse Lot**

Dan Coons stated he was contacted by Richard Morse regarding the donation of his 45 acre parcel to the Town, Tax Map 36-1; noting the parcel has no road frontage. He stated Mr. Morse purchased the property in 1969 as a wood lot. He stated there are issues relating to access.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Mike Hodder to accept Richard Morse's gift/donation of Tax Map 36-1. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Commission requested Mr. Groves to walk the parcel and submit a timber harvest management recommendation for the lot.

Erik Groves stated he could walk the parcel in July and estimated approximately \$300 to do such, including submitting a recommendation for timber harvesting. Referencing the access issue, he recommended review of the deed description of the parcel and abutting parcels.

Dan Coons stated he would contact Russ Wakefield to conduct an appraisal of the lot.

Staff to provide copies of the deeds to Erik Groves.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to hire Erik Groves, Southern Maine Forestry, to provide a timber harvest management recommendation for the Morse Lot, TM #36-1, cost not to exceed \$300.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Mike Hodder and seconded by Dave Wheeler to adjourn the June 11, 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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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