

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 14, 2013
MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy, Dave Wheeler, Lenore Clark, Members, Sarah Silk, Gary Mason, Alternates.

Member Absent: Art Slocum, Member.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Art Slocum, Member.

Consideration of Minutes

January 9, 2013

Corrections:

Page 1, Membership; insert "full" between "a" & "member"

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the January 9, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

December 10, 2012

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the December 10, 2012 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

January 5, 2013

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Sarah Silk to approve the January 5, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Weed Wrench**

Dan Coons requested the Commission consider purchasing a Weed Wrench to use in the removal of invasive species. He stated he feels the tool would be effective with honeysuckle, burning bush and barberry. He noted issues with invasive species at Front Bay Park and Goodwins Basin. He stated he has attempted to contact Great Bay Discovery Center to use theirs and he has not received a response. He stated he spoke to officials at the State and NRCS who have stated the tool works great. He stated the tool is available in various sizes however, recommended the purchase of the Heavy Weed Wrench.

The Commission discussed the difference between weeds and invasive species.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Lenore Clark to purchase a Weed Wrench (Heavy) in the amount of \$189.00 plus shipping and handling costs. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; Membership Renewal**

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Lenore Clark to renew the Commission's membership to Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in the amount of \$50.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

➤ **Hubbard Property**

No report.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Dan Coons stated the Parks & Recreation Department picked up the debris and the dog station was purchased and received.

The Commission reviewed the expenses for Front Bay Park.

Ed Roundy stated he recalls the Commission agreed to contribute a specific amount of money towards the project and questioned whether such had occurred. He also stated the timber sales is not noted on the accounting for the project and questioned the original amount that was agreed upon with regard to fundraising; noting he believed the amount to be \$120,000 however, total donations are only \$103,520.00. He noted a discrepancy between the amount raised and the amount expended for the project.

Staff reviewed the 1/9/12 Conservation Commission minutes and noted the Commission voted that the Commission would contribute not more than \$2,700 if the final amount of money could not be raised.

The Commission requested the following information:

- Amount of timber tax
- Amount of timber sales/proceeds
- Resolution of fundraising amount (\$16,480 discrepancy)
- Original amount agreed to fundraise for project
- Confirm whether the Commission contributed any amount funds towards the project (per the 1/9/12 Conservation Commission minutes)

➤ **Morse Lot**

Dan Coons stated the transfer of the property occurred prior to 2012 year end. He stated Roger Murray did not discover deeded access to the lot and noted there was a reference to such in an abutter's deed however; it was not referenced in the property's deed. He recommended the Commission consider and address the issue of such in the future.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he has not received any response from the landowners regarding the road issue and that Ethan Hipple reported the picnic table would be moved.

Other Business

- Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Annual Meeting scheduled for 2/4/13 at the Wolfeboro Inn.

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the January 14, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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