WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION October 14, 2013 MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Consideration of Minutes
September 9, 2013

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Dave Wheeler to approve the September 9, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes September 9, 2013

It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the September 9, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes September 21, 2013

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the September 21, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Randy Tetreault, Gail Antonucci, Art Slocum voted in favor. Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes October 7, 2013

It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the October 7, 2013 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Dave Wheeler, Dan Coons, Randy Tetreault voted in favor. Gail Antonucci, Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Front Bay Park

Referencing the final invoice received from Josh Ryan, Dan Coons stated he confirmed that a stone header for the canoe landing was installed and noted the final invoice was paid. He stated the path to Pine Street has been cleared again.

Ed Roundy recommended pursuing a strategy to attack bittersweet on Town owned property.

Dan Coons stated that any herbicide application on any public land has to be done by a professional.

Gary Mason questioned the unintended consequences for the bird and smaller rodent population if Round Up is used. He expressed concern for spending money and potentially doing more damage.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission needs to be advised by a professional.

Sarah Silk recommended contacting Kirk Titus, the Town's Tree Warden.

➤ White Face Mountain

Art Slocum stated he attended the 10/1/13 Planning Board meeting; noting the Planning Board approved the boundary line adjustment for the Overall property. He stated an abutter spoke about discrepancies between the tax map information and the survey of his property.

Randy Tetrault stated the tax maps show the Kaiser property (abutter who raised concerns at the meeting) as an abutter to the Morse property however, his survey does not depict such. He stated Mr. Kaiser's concern was related to the other two properties owned by Overall and that were not part of the boundary line adjustment application. He stated Roger Murray is preparing the title. He noted the Technical Review Committee requested a note placed on the plan stating the land is being dedicated to conservation purposes with no future development.

Art Slocum asked if the Kaiser property abuts the Morse parcel.

Randy Tetreault replied no, the property abuts the other parcels owned the Overall's. He stated he has done enough research on the properties to know the Morse and Overall properties are contiguous.

Ed Roundy verified there are currently no restrictions on the Morse property.

Dan Coons stated the parcel is only under the management of the Conservation Commission.

Cotton Valley Road, TM #153-5

Dan Coons stated he attended the BOS meeting and the BOS approved the Town's acquisition of the property. He stated he is awaiting final invoice from the Land Bank.

LCHIP Property Monitoring

Dan Coons stated annual monitoring of the McBride property and Front Bay Park is required prior to the end of the year; noting he would submit a report for Front Bay Park.

Ed Roundy volunteered to meet with Don McBride and noted the markings need to be done on the property.

Bill Rae Conservation Area

Dan Coons stated he met with Fred Antonucci at the site and requested a cost estimate for improvements to the parking area (road materials to be used). He stated the total cost estimate is \$450 (\$250 for materials, \$200 for labor).

Ed Roundy asked if the Commission would use funds gifted to the Commission for the improvements.

Dan Coons replied yes and noted Bill Rae's niece has donated funds to be used at the Bill Rae Conservation Area.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to expend up to \$450.00 out of the Conservation Commission Land Fund for improvements at the Bill Rae Conservation Area. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Morse Property Acquisition; Total Expenditures

The Commission reviewed the total expenditures for the Morse property acquisition; Legal: \$725, appraisal: \$675 and tax arrearage: \$1,304.

Conservation Commission Account Balances

The Commission noted the following current balances in the Conservation Commission accounts; Money Market Account: \$333,217.37 and Checking Account: \$5,649.76.

New Business

> Bean Property

Gail Antonucci asked if blueberry bushes had been planted along the property line as originally discussed. She recommended a trash receptacle be placed on the property during the summer months.

Dan Coons replied no and recommended such be addressed next spring.

Sarah Silk recommended speaking to Ethan Hipple and Adam Tasker regarding the trash receptacle.

Conservation Planning

Ed Roundy recommended the Commission develop a plan (both long term and short term) for land preservation given the current balances in the Commission's accounts. He stated the Commission should be able to justify future expenditures of the funds. He stated in previous years the Commission did not have the funds available to act on some easement or property acquisitions.

Sarah Silk stated the statute (RSA 36-A) provides parameters for use of funds.

Ed Roundy recommended the Commission update the criteria for land purchase.

Other Business

NHACC Annual Meeting scheduled for 11/2/13 at Rundlett Middle School, Concord, NH

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Dave Wheeler to adjourn the October 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 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley