

# WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 13, 2014

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Dan Coons, Chairman, Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Art Slocum, Members.

**Members Absent:** Gary Mason, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

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

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:46 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

### Consideration of Minutes

September 8, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the September 8, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

### Dredge & Fill Minutes

September 8, 2014

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the September 8, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

October 4, 2014

**Correction:** Lauren Poster application; change “Tetherly” to “Poster”

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the October 4, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

### Discussion Items

#### **A. NH Association of Conservation Commissions Membership Dues**

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the NH Association of Conservation Commission Membership Dues in the amount of \$474. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### **B. Ryefield Marsh; Beaver Trapping**

Dan Coons stated he was contacted by Greg Forge who is a beaver trapper and was hired by Currie Debow, an abutter to Ryefield Marsh, to trap beavers. He asked if he could place traps at the boardwalk.

Randy Tetreault stated he has not observed issues as a result of beaver activity.

Art Slocum asked if Mr. Forge intends to trap to relocate or to kill.

Dan Coons replied the latter. He stated he doesn't believe the beavers are endangering the property. He stated he would be in favor of installing a beaver deceiver system that deters the animals.

*It was the consensus of the Commission that the beaver activity at Ryefield Marsh is currently not an issue and therefore, will not allow Mr. Forge to set beaver traps on the property.*

**C. Signage; Cotton Valley Lot & Front Bay Park**

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Jerome Holden, JC Signs regarding updated cost estimates for the signage and installation of the signs for Cotton Valley Lot and Front Bay Park. He stated the shorefront sign for Front Bay Park (24"x36" redwood, one sided) will cost \$557, the roadside sign for Front Bay Park (24"x38" two-sided sign on ¾" PVC) will cost \$494 and the Cotton Valley Lot sign (24"x38" two-sided sign on ¾" PVC) will cost \$494; noting all prices include installation. He stated Mr. Holden noted the font for Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro is larger than the font for Wolfeboro Conservation Commission and asked if the latter could be abbreviated to Wolfeboro Conservation Comm on the Cotton Valley Lot sign.

The Commission discussed the latter and agreed to make the font the same, using the smaller font, and not abbreviate the word Commission. The Commission also agreed to post the Front Bay Park shorefront sign to a tree rather than on posts.

**It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Ed Roundy to authorize payment in the amount of \$1545 for two signs at Front Bay Park and one sign at Cotton Valley Lot. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**D. Invasive Species Workshop**

Dan Coons stated Wendy Scribner, UNH Cooperative Extension, hosted a two-hour invasive species workshop at Front Bay Park; noting 30 people attended.

Ed Roundy asked if a recommendation was made regarding the fire bush at the site.

Dan Coons replied no. He stated Ms. Scribner recommended contacting Jeff Taylor, Vegetation Control Services, for a consultation.

Ed Roundy noted the entrance/area from Route 109A to Front Bay Park is barren and unattractive and recommended action, such as wood chips.

The Commission agreed to contact Jeff Taylor, Vegetation Control Services.

**E. Disposition of Town Owned Property**

Dan Coons reviewed the Town Manager's memo, dated 9/22/14. He stated the BOS has requested the Commission review and comment on the disposition of Town owned property; specifically two areas of encroachment. He stated Green Mountain Realty Corp. is proposing a boundary line adjustment between the Bell building and the Town's Electric Generation building parcel; noting the Town allowed the construction of the Bell building of a portion of the stair/elevator tower on its land. He stated Green Mountain Realty Corp. seeks to acquire approximately 1,000 SF of Town owned property from the Electric Generation building parcel. In addition, he stated the second area of encroachment includes the rear of the Bell building where the fence around the Electric Department's substation encroaches onto Green Mountain Realty Corp.'s property.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to recommend action by the BOS to resolve a boundary encroachment issue for Tax Maps 217-70, 217-71 and 217-68. Dan Coons, Art Slocum, Lenore Clark, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Randy Tetreault abstained. The motion passed.**

**F. Student Conservation Association; 2015 Project**

Dan Coons stated the SCA is scheduled to construct a trail for Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition during the summer of 2015. He questioned whether the Commission would be interested in contracting their services for trail improvements at Whiteface Mountain. He noted the parking area has not been established for Whiteface Mountain. He stated the SCA's rate has remained the same (crew of 6 @ \$1,000/day) however the crew hitch schedule has decreased from 20 days to 10 days.

Randy Tetreault questioned the status of NHDOT road improvements on Browns Ridge Road and noted a driveway permit would be necessary for the parking area.

Dan Coons questioned whether the utility corridor is owned by PSNH or a right-of-way.

Randy Tetreault stated the right-of-way is not fee owned.

Ed Roundy asked if trees would need to be removed and if the SCA crew members are allowed to use a chainsaw.

Dan Coons replied yes to both.

Randy Tetreault stated the Commission should locate the path and drive entrance.

Ed Roundy stated the Land Bank and Lakes Region Conservation Trust did some work on the property. He noted that Jim Bean is a good source with regard to trail building. The Commission agreed to schedule the Student Conservation Association for trail improvements at Whiteface Mountain.

**Old Business**

Referencing the creation of a path on abutting property to Ryefield Marsh, Ed Roundy stated there has not been favorable reaction by Mr. & Mrs. Graham regarding such. He noted there may be an alternative location on Peggy Nelson's property.

Dan Coons stated he received a call from Mrs. Graham who informed him she and her husband do not want any trails on their property. He stated Mr. & Mrs. Graham are not interested in placing a conservation easement on the property either.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the October 13, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lee Ann Keathley*  
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