

## WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 8, 2014

### MINUTES

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

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

*Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:39 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.*

#### **Consideration of Minutes**

**November 10, 2014**

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Randy Tetreault to approve the November 10, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

#### **Dredge & Fill Minutes**

**November 10, 2014**

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Randy Tetreault to approve the November 10, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**November 15, 2014**

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Gary Mason to approve the November 15, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **A. Whiteface Mountain; Student Conservation Association**

Dan Coons questioned whether the Commission would be interested in contracting SCA's 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.

Ed Roundy stated a crew (7 people) from the Land Bank cleared the top of the mountain and worked on the trail two weeks ago; noting a view of Mount Washington, Lake Ossipee and Mount Chocorua was created. He stated a decision needs to be made with regard to the location of the trails and noted the necessity of water bars for the steep areas. He stated the trail is now reasonably well marked on the land owned by the Land Bank. He stated the property will be transferred to the Town of Wolfeboro.

Art Slocum stated Jim Nupp and Dave Bowers marked a trail going to the summit. He questioned whether it would be better to do switchbacks along the south side of the property. He stated all the property lines were not found. He stated there is major erosion on the logging road and noted a suitable parking area needs to be designated.

Ed Roundy stated the hope was to use the existing parking area however; the abutter placed boulders and obstructed the area.

Randy Tetreault stated an area along the frontage was kept to allow for a parking area however, the parking area needs to be built; noting an access permit would be necessary.

Ed Roundy stated there is now a potential for a diorama at the top that identifies the mountain ranges. He stated access to the mountain is worthwhile to pursue.

Randy Tetreault recommended a composite plan be done of the property.

Sarah Silk asked if the plan would include surveys.

Randy Tetreault stated the plan would be developed with the use of GIS maps, aerial and Tax Maps.

Dan Coons stated Lakes Region Conservation Trust has provided a conservation easement to Roger Murray to review. He recommended review by the Conservation Commission and Town Counsel.

**B. Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated the area needs some work and a long range plan is needed for the property; noting the potential for a viewing platform and trail (to the platform) at the marsh.

**C. Towns Garden**

Dan Coons stated students from the Agriculture Department at the high school conducted several test plots on invasive species at the Towns Garden; noting there was no difference between the plots. He stated Dan Martingale recommended the Commission contact a professional. He stated he spoke to Jeff Taylor who informed him that he is now semi-retired.

Ed Roundy recommended a 40 hour intern position at \$11/hour next summer; noting Randy Stillwell was authorized to work up to 50 hours however, only worked 25 hours this past summer due to poor communication between him and the gardeners.

**It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve a student intern from the Lakes Region Technology Center at the Towns Garden for 40 hours at \$11.00/hour for summer 2015.**

***Discussion of the motion:***

Gary Mason stated he would abstain from the vote because he believes there should be a plan and supervision to account for the hours worked.

Art Slocum asked who supervises tracks and pays the intern.

Ed Roundy stated the hours are tracked and signed by a volunteer of the Food Pantry Garden Committee.

Dan Coons recommended expectations and procedures be established.

Sarah Silk stated the intern should have a specific person to report to.

The Commission agreed to discuss the issue further at the January meeting.

**Ed Roudy withdrew his motion based on the discussion. Gail Antonucci withdrew her second.**

**D. Land Acquisition**

Dan Coons stated he received an email from Keith Fletcher, Moose Mountain Regional Greenway, who informed him of three lots that may be available to purchase; noting the lots are located on the corner of Route 28 and Tibbetts Road.

Art Slocum asked if the lots have a view.

Dan Coons replied no. He stated Fernald Brook begins on the property. He stated he would contact the owners.

**It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to adjourn the December 8, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lee Ann Keathley*  
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