

# WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 10, 2014

## MINUTES

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

**Member Absent:** Lenore Clark, Member.

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

*Vice-Chairman Randy Tetreault opened the meeting at 6:35 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Meeting Room.*

*Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Lenore Clark, Member.*

### Consideration of Minutes

January 13, 2014

#### **Corrections:**

Page 1, motion Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Invoices; change \$300 to \$150

Page 2, Subdivision & Boundary Line Adjustment Review by Conservation Commission, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph; strike "(since Amanda Simpson & Peer Kraft Lund were t he Town Planners" & insert "current" prior to the first "Town"

**It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the January 13, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### Discussion Items

#### ➤ **WAP Map (cost estimates for framing of map)**

Gail Antonucci distributed photographs of two frames from the Art Place; noting that with a discount the black frame would cost \$160 and the walnut frame would cost \$180 and conservation glass was recommended. She stated the Blue Shutter Gallery was not open.

Sarah Silk asked if Michael's had been considered.

Gail Antonucci stated she did not get a quote from Michael's.

Art Slocum stated Michael's prices would be the same as local prices.

Randy Tetreault stated a shadow box can be made in order to change out the map and recommended protective glass to preserve the map.

Gail Antonucci stated a shadow box would be a one-time cost instead of reframing and matting each time a map is changed out. She stated she would get cost estimates for interchangeable frames.

➤ **Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests Annual Membership**

Dan Coons stated the dues for such are \$55.

**It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Dave Wheeler to submit payment to Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests for the Conservation Commission's annual membership in the amount of \$55.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

➤ **NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists**

Dan Coons stated the dues for such are \$20 (Conservation Commission discount).

**It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Sarah Silk to submit payment to NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists for the Conservation Commission's annual membership in the amount of \$20.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

➤ **Barry Conservation Camp Donation**

Dan Coons stated the Commission donated funds last year and asked if the Commission is interested in doing the same this year.

Ed Roundy suggested an alternative to donating to the camp and recommended donating funds to the Agricultural program at the Vocational Center to pay a student to assist with the Food Pantry garden at the Towns Garden property during the summer months.

Sarah Silk stated the student and/or hours would have to be monitored.

Dan Coons stated he is in favor of Mr. Roundy speaking with Bruce Farr and the master gardeners regarding such. He stated the camps are located in Lancaster and questioned the number of local children attending the camp.

➤ **Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Invoices**

Dan Coons stated the Land Bank provided the Commission with a more detailed invoice for costs associated with the acquisition of the Overall/Whiteface Mountain parcels; noting the Land Bank has requested payment in the amount of \$15,964.00. He stated the Commission previously voted to allocate funds towards the acquisition.

**It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Dave Wheeler to submit payment in the amount of \$15,964.00 to the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Inc. for outstanding costs associated with the acquisition of the Overall/Whiteface Mountain parcels. Gail Antonucci, Dave Wheeler, Dan Coons voted in favor. Art Slocum, Ed Roundy, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk abstained. The motion passed.**

➤ **Bean Park**

Dan Coons stated a local garden committee representative contacted him with regard to constructing a rain garden at Bean Park that includes a demonstration as to what a rain garden is. He stated he spoke with Jim Bean who is in favor of the project. He stated Dave Ford and an engineer would be involved with developing the rain garden and noted drainage flow from the Wolfeboro Oil parcel.

Ed Roundy stated the Commission has previously discussed planting blueberry bushes as a boundary between the condominiums and Bean Park. He stated such should not be neglected or forgotten.

Dan Coons stated April 1<sup>st</sup> would be an appropriate time to plan blueberry bushes.

Dave Wheeler stated the bushes should be included in the rain garden plan.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Dan Coons stated he will be meeting with Jim Bean regarding the canoe ramp and Lenore Clark is continuing her research for the brochure.

➤ **Student Conservation Association (Invasive Species Management & Trail Building)**

Dan Coons stated a site walk has been scheduled for 2/19/14, 2PM at the Town Hall Annex.

➤ **Land Conservation Planning**

The Commission reviewed the Priority Project Criteria information and agreed to the following changes;

- Page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence; strike “identified and evaluated “ & replace with “considered”
- Page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence; strike “and even though the features have been prioritized by the Commission”
- Page 1; change title to “Project Consideration”
- Page 1, strike number format
- Page 1, add “Rare or Special Natural Communities” to the list of Project Considerations
- Page 3, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph; add “Agricultural Commission”
- Page 3, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph; add “Goodwins Basin”
- Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet; strike “(no longer requested) & replace with “(not requested at the present time)”
- Page 4, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line; strike “us” & replace with “the Conservation Commission”

The Commission agreed to further review the document and submit edits at the 3/10/14 meeting.

**New Business**

➤ **Whiteface Mountain Brochure**

Ed Roundy stated the Commission should consider publishing a brochure for Whiteface Mountain. He stated the Land Bank and Conservation Commission should explore permanent access to Whiteface Mountain from Cowper Road; noting access from the private property on Cowper Road has been long standing.

Dan Coons recommended pursuing the discussion with property owners relative to the Town obtaining easements for additional access points to Whiteface Mountain.

**It was moved by Randy Tetreault and seconded by Dave Wheeler to adjourn the January 13, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*

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