

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 19, 2014

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Art Slocum, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Meeting Room.

Consideration of Minutes

April 14, 2014

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the April 14, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Lenore Clark, Gail Antonucci, Gary Mason, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Randy Tetreault abstained. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

March 3, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the March 3, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

May 5, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Randy Tetreault to approve the May 5, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ Towns Garden Property

Dan Coons stated he met with Bruce Farr at the property to discuss long range plans and reviewed the invasive species at the site. He stated the invasive species that were previously cut (to remove from the canopy) have now grown densely on the ground. He stated Bruce Farr proposed a test project using herbicides using three 25x25 plot systems.

Ed Roundy stated licensed applicator is necessary for use of herbicides.

Dan Coons stated Bruce Farr is a licensed applicator.

Board consensus to grant approval to Bruce Farr to conduct a test project with regard to the use of herbicides for invasive species on the Towns Garden property.

➤ **Student Intern ~ Food Pantry Garden (Towns Garden)**

Ed Roundy stated he and Dick Shurtleff met with two students who were recognized as potential candidates for the position and chose Richard Spiller (10th grade). He stated the primary responsibility of the intern would be to assist the volunteers of the Food Pantry Garden. He noted the boundaries of the property are not well marked and observed an overgrowth of bittersweet.

➤ **Goodwins Basin**

Gail Antonucci stated she observed red buoys placed in the basin in front of the Evans' property.

Ed Roundy stated the buoys are located on the easterly edge of the basin.

➤ **Cotton Valley Road Parcel; Signage**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Don McBride regarding placing a sign at the Cotton Valley Road parcel; noting the sign would be similar to the sign located at the Towns Garden property and would be two sided and tree mounted.

The Board agreed to placing a two-sided, tree mounted sign at the Cotton Valley Road parcel.

➤ **Whiteface Mountain**

Dan Coons stated LRCT has contact with a person who designs trails; noting a meeting will be scheduled regarding such.

Ed Roundy verified any proposed trail would be placed on the property the Commission has complete control over.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Staff distributed the Front Bay Park brochure for review and the Commission tabled discussion of such to the 6/9/14 meeting.

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

Dan Coons stated Matt Coughlin, SCA, is scheduled to conduct a final site visit to walk the two properties (Front Bay Conservation Area and Bill Rae Conservation Areas) and better define the projects for each. He stated the site visit is scheduled for May 29, 2014 at 10AM and would also include establishing a place for the crew to camp including bathroom and water considerations.

Ed Roundy confirmed that the projects would not include Whiteface Mountain.

➤ **Bean Park; Blueberry Bush Plantings**

Dan Coons stated the Garden Club remains interested in constructing rain gardens and plant native shrubs on the property however, such requires engineering support. He asked Randy Tetreault to assist him in the location of the property line and asked Staff to provide the plan for the property. He stated Kirk Titus is reviewing the plan being proposed by the Garden Club.

The Commission tabled discussion of the Blueberry bush planting to the 6/9/14 meeting.

➤ **Bill Rae Conservation Area**

Dan Coons stated he received a quote from Jim Bean however; he has not reviewed it yet.

➤ **WAP Map**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Cindy Scott, Director of the Library, regarding hanging the WAP map at the library for display. He stated Ms. Scott informed him there isn't any wall space available to do such.

Sarah Silk stated the map could be displayed at the Town Hall once renovation is complete.

Gary Mason stated he feels the map should be displayed at the library and that he would contact Ms. Scott again regarding such.

➤ **Land Conservation Planning**

The Commission tabled such.

New Business

➤ **Fernald Brook**

Dan stated he spoke to a person who builds "pump tracks" (off road bicycle tracks that are approximately 3-4' wide and are built in such a way that an experienced rider does not need to pedal). He stated the tracks undulate in a similar manner to motocross tracks and showed the Commission a picture of such. He stated the person belongs to a club that is looking to build new trail areas; noting he suggested Fernald Brook Station as compatible (and currently unused).

The Commission discussed alternate arrangements such as the club build a trail without charge to the Commission, the club charge a minimal fee or the Commission supply the materials and the club provides the labor. General consensus of the Commission is that the project is compatible with the goals of the Trails Committee and is worth pursuing.

Old Business

➤ **Ryefield Marsh**

No report.

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Ed Roundy to adjourn the May 19, 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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