

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 9, 2014

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:33 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Meeting Room.

Consideration of Minutes

May 19, 2014

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the May 19, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

May 19, 2014

Corrections: Page 1, Members Present; strike "Art Slocum"

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the May 19, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as amended. Dan Coons, Randy Tetreault, Gail Antonucci, Lenore Clark, Gary Mason, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Art Slocum abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

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

Dan Coons stated he met with the crew from SCA on 5/29/14; noting the crew is scheduled to arrive Sunday, June 22, 2014. He stated the crew will be camping at the Bill Rae Conservation Area; accessing the site from the North Line Road entrance. He stated the crew will work at Front Bay Park the first ten days of their stay and at the Bill Rae Conservation Area the remaining ten days. He stated a volunteer clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th and recommended the Commission provide lunch and drinks to the SCA and volunteers.

Art Slocum recommended contacting the Sargents Pond Road residents to inform them that the SCA will be on the Town's property.

Sarah Silk recommended the Commission inform the Town Manager, Police Department and Fire Department of the same.

Dan Coons requested Staff schedule a portable toilet be delivered to the site.

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

Ed Roundy stated the intern is interested in starting work. He stated the southern property boundary needs to be marked and would do such with the intern.

Dan Coons stated he met with 10-15 students from the Agricultural department and discussed invasive species and their proposed control experiment regarding the use of herbicides for invasive species on the Towns Garden property.

➤ **Goodwins Basin**

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

Sarah Silk stated the buoys are located where milfoil will be removed.

➤ **Cotton Valley Road Parcel; Signage**

The Commission tabled such to the 7/14/14 meeting.

➤ **Front Bay Park**

Lenore Clark distributed the Front Bay Park brochure; noting Terry Tavares, Planning and Development Office, has the brochure template for additional copies. She stated 75 brochures were distributed to the Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Coons stated Jim Bean notified him that he would not be capable of constructing the boat launch. He stated he would contact Jim Pineo, Richard Baldwin and/or Mark Larsen.

➤ **Bean Park**

Dan Coons stated he and Randy Tetreault located the property lines. He stated the Garden Club is not in favor of planting blueberry bushes along the property line rather, they are moving towards developing a more comprehensive plan for the property, including rain gardens.

Randy Tetreault stated the 20' Right-of-Way for the roadway that is depicted on the plan was not located on site.

Ed Roundy asked who would make the final decision regarding the plan and plantings.

Dan Coons replied the Bean family.

Ed Roundy stated he is in favor of leaving the area more natural.

➤ **Cotton Valley Rail Trail Signage**

Dan Coons stated Paul Demarais has left him a message regarding placing a sign (caution) on the Rail Trail at the Cotton Valley Road end of the trail. He stated he, himself, was involved in a bicycle accident half a mile from the Fernald Station crossovers and noted many people have been involved in accidents, resulting in injuries, on the Rail Trail.

Ed Roundy stated the trail is known in the State as dangerous.

Sarah Silk asked how the issue is addressed for other trails.

Ed Roundy stated the railroad tracks are removed.

➤ **Clow Lot / Fernald Station Trails**

Dan Coons stated he met with Andrew Lester, Highland Mountain, and discussed constructing a pump track on 3 of the 50 acres at Fernald Station / Clow Lot. He stated there would be a buffer between Willey Brook and the tracks and noted Mr. Lester will be providing a cost estimate to the Commission. He stated he spoke to Ethan Hipple regarding tracks at Abenaki however, Mr. Hipple does not feel the site would be appropriate for such.

Ed Roundy asked if the parking needs have been calculated.

Dan Coons replied no. He stated parking currently exists for the Rail Trail.

Ed Roundy asked if the trail would be open at all times.

Dan Coons replied yes. He stated Phase II of the track would include mountain biking trails and distributed photographs of examples of pump tracks. He stated an access trail to the pump tracks would also be constructed.

The Commission agreed to support the project pending the submittal of a formal proposal.

➤ **Land Conservation Planning**

The Commission tabled such.

New Business

➤ **NHDES Permit By Notification Review Process**

Dan Coons stated the Commission received a letter from NHDES requesting the Commission enter into an agreement that until September 1, 2014 any PBN for in-kind repairs to ice damaged docking structures could be immediately considered by the Department without Conservation Commission signoff. He stated the provision would only apply to ice damaged docking structures and for a limited time; noting NHDES believes it would expedite the application process by doing such.

The Commission agreed to continue reviewing the Permit By Notification applications as they are received and not agree to an automatic signoff procedure.

Dan Coons stated he would email Darlene Forst, NHDES, regarding the Commission's decision.

➤ **Alzheimer Facility**

Sarah Silk expressed concern regarding an approved ZBA application (Use Variance) for an Alzheimer facility on College Road behind Imecom. She expressed concern regarding the flushing of wastewater and medications and impact to Willey Brook; noting the facility would use 18,000 gallons/day of water. She stated it was originally proposed in 2002 however, the use was denied due to the same concerns. She stated the ZBA heard the application in May and an abutter requested a rehearing however, the ZBA denied the request. She stated two abutters never received notification. She asked if the Commission would comment on the application.

Dan Coons stated he is not aware of the application.

Old Business

➤ **Ryefield Marsh**

Dan Coons stated he met with the property owner (Mrs. Graham) of the former Richard Fraser property; noting that Mrs. Graham stated she does not think her husband would be amenable to any improvements on their property.

Ed Roundy stated access could also be gained via Peggy Nelson's property.

➤ **Brewster Academy NHDES Application**

Dan Coons stated Dan Noyes, Brewster Academy, intends to submit another application; noting the scope of the project will be scaled back.

➤ **WAP MAP**

Gary Mason stated there is only one location the map could be placed at the Library however, it would be on the bulletin board and informational flyers would have to be removed.

Art Slocum asked if the map could be placed on an easel.

Gary Mason stated the only location for such would be by the front entrance; noting such would violate the handicap accessibility regulations.

Randy Tetreault recommended putting the map on the Town's website until it can be hung at the Town Hall after the renovations are complete.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Randy Tetreault to adjourn the June 9, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Keathley
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