

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 14, 2014

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Dan Coons, Chairman, Gary Mason, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Vice-Chairman Tetreault opened the meeting at 6:37 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Meeting Room.

Consideration of Minutes

June 9, 2014

Corrections: Page 4, Ryefield Marsh, 1st paragraph; strike “improvements” & replace with “trails”

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the June 9, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

June 9, 2014

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the June 9, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

A. Student Conservation Association (SCA) ~ Invasive Species Management & Trail Building

The work crew from SCA arrived Sunday, June 22, 2014 and worked at Front Bay Park the first ten days of their stay (installed stone dust for trail) and at the Bill Rae Conservation Area the remaining ten days. He stated a volunteer clean-up day occurred on Saturday June 28, 2014.

B. Towns Garden; Student Intern Update, Boundary Marking, Invasive Species Test Project

Ed Roundy stated the Invasive Species Test Project is in progress (performed by students from the Agricultural Department at the High School). He stated Randy Stillwell, Student Intern, has been on site twice and is meeting him tomorrow morning at the property. He stated the southern property boundary needs to be marked and requested help from the Commission regarding locating the property line.

Randy Tetreault asked if he had a plan of the property and offered assistance to locate the property lines.

Ed Roundy replied yes and stated he is having difficulty locating the pins; noting he is in the process of posting the boundary markers (northern and eastern property lines are not marked). He stated an abutter has encroached onto the property (with grass and lumber) and will speak to Dan Coons; noting Mr. Coons has previously addressed the encroachment issue with the property owner.

C. Cotton Valley Road Parcel; Signage

Staff reviewed the cost estimate for a two-sided sign and requested the Commission develop language for the sign.

Ed Roundy stated he is opposed to a two-sided sign due to safety issues.

The Commission discussed naming the parcel; noting Cotton Valley Conservation Area was recommended. The Commission tabled such to the 7/14/14 meeting; Commission to develop language for sign, review cost estimate for one-sided sign and name parcel.

D. Clow Lot & Fernald Station Bike Trails

Randy Tetreault stated the Commission received a proposal and cost estimate from Highland Trails for a bike park at Fernald Station. He reviewed the following cost estimates; cost of labor being \$68,945 and cost of non-labor (heavy machinery equipment, fuel, culvert pipe, hay and seed) being \$77,694 (total being \$146,639.00).

Ed Roundy stated that given the amount of the estimate, he is not in favor of moving forward.

Art Slocum stated the project is not a priority of the Commission and expressed concern regarding spending half of the Commission’s land conservation fund for the project; noting there are other areas and priorities to conserve.

Lenore Clark stated she recalls the Commission being approached by Highland Trails. She stated she had understood the project to be one that the work was offered by the company with cost of materials to be the expense and would not include labor.

Randy Tetreault stated he believed that the Commission was only facilitating the project and not funding it.

Board agreed not to move forward with the project at this time due to the cost estimate provided for such.

E. Land Conservation Planning

The Commission tabled such and requested Staff distribute the materials previously reviewed.

Other Business

- Land Use Change Tax Fund; received \$5,000.00
- Woods, Water, Wildlife Festival scheduled for 8/9/14
- Sewall Woods Work Day (invasive species) with LRCT scheduled for 8/6/14

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to adjourn the July 14, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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