

WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 11, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Gary Mason, Art Slocum, Members.

Members Absent: Dan Coons, Chairman, Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Art Slocum opened the meeting at 6:37 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Library.

Consideration of Minutes

July 14, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the July 14, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Dredge & Fill Minutes

July 14, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the July 14, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

July 23, 2014

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve the July 23, 2014 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

A. Town Gardens; Boundary Marking & Project Development

Ed Roundy stated the boundaries have been well established. Relative to a possible encroachment from an abutting property, he stated that upon further inspection, there does not appear to be an encroachment. He recommended the Commission develop projects relative to improvement of the property; noting the forest is suffering as a result of the Bittersweet. He stated Dan Coons has suggested walking paths throughout the property.

B. Cotton Valley Road Parcel; Signage

Staff reviewed the cost estimates for a one-sided sign (\$363) and a two-sided sign (\$495) from JC Signs.

The Commission agreed to purchase a 2-sided tree mounted sign for the Cotton Valley Road parcel.

It was moved by Gary Mason and seconded by Lenore Clark to contract JC Signs for a 2-sided tree mounted sign in the amount of \$495 for the Cotton Valley Road parcel. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

C. Sewall Woods Volunteer Work Day; 7/31/14

Ed Roundy stated Bittersweet has taken over 20% of the 180 acres and noted the Multiflora Rose is 25-30 feet up the pine trees; noting the plant takes away nutrients from the tree and light away from the branches and is virtually impossible to cut due to the thickness of the bush. He stated there was also a lot of barberry on the property.

D. 2015 Budget

Staff reviewed the budget guidelines for 2015; noting the BOS adopted guidelines which includes no increase in the total of discretionary line items.

The Commission reviewed the year to date expenditures and 2015 budget and proposed no increase in any line items. The 2015 budget includes the following budget requests;

- Consultants; \$200
- Legal; \$500
- Other Property Series; \$1700
- Dues & Subscriptions; \$651
- General Operating Supplies; \$500
- Office Supplies; \$100
- Postage; \$20
- Travel & Meetings; \$200
- Professional Development; \$150

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to approve and submit the 2015 budget as presented above. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

E. Land Conservation Planning

Staff reviewed the materials previously distributed and noted the following recommended changes previously discussed; noting the Commission did not take action on those changes;

- Page 1, 1st paragraph, 3rd sentence; strike “identified and evaluated “ & replace with “considered”
- Page 1, 1st paragraph, 4th 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, 4th paragraph; add “Agricultural Commission”
- Page 3, 5th paragraph; add “Goodwins Basin”
- Page 4, 2nd paragraph, 1st bullet; strike “(no longer requested) & replace with “(not requested at the present time)”
- Page 4, 4th paragraph, 4th line; strike “us” & replace with “the Conservation Commission”

Staff requested the Commission review page 1, 1st paragraph and provide revisions at the next meeting (the Commission previously discussed revising the language of the first paragraph).

Other Business

- Woods, Water, Wildlife Festival; 612 people attended with recognition in the Boston Globe, Fosters Daily Democrat and Union Leader and Appalachian Teen Project sponsored the Nature's Playground

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Ed Roundy to adjourn the August 11, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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