

# WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 12, 2015

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Dan Coons, Chairman, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

**Members Absent:** Randy Tetreault, Vice-Chairman, Gary Mason, Art Slocum, Members.

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

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:43 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

Chairman Coons appointed Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Randy Tetreault, Member.

### I. **Consideration of Minutes**

**December 8, 2014**

#### **Corrections:**

Page 1, Discussion Items, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph; strike “Dave Bowers” and replace with “a representative from LRCT”

Page 2, Towns Garden, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line; strike “him” and replace with “Randy Stillwell”

**It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Ed Roundy to approve the December 8, 2014**

**Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### II. **Discussion Items**

#### **A. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; Membership Renewal**

**It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Sarah Silk to renew the annual membership for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests in the amount of \$50.00. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

#### **B. LCHIP Annual Monitoring Reports**

Dan Coons stated the Commission received the monitoring report forms for Front Bay Park and the McBride property. He requested a member volunteer to complete the McBride property monitoring report, including a site visit to the property.

#### **C. Whiteface Mountain; Conservation Easement Deed**

Referencing the language/questions bolded on page 3, Sarah Silk asked who would respond to the questions.

Dan Coons stated Attorney Roger Murray III responded on behalf of the Land Bank. He noted the following response from Attorney Murray; “With respect to the references to the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan, I would suggest using the present un-bolded language in Section I., B., 1. The Master Plan was adopted by the Planning Board in 2007. The Natural Resources Chapter, based on the Natural Resources Inventory prepared by Blue Moon Environmental, Inc., was not adopted by the Planning Board until July 19, 2011. I believe part of

the delay resulted from the fact that the entity originally hired to undertake the Natural Resources Inventory failed to perform. The correct name of the zoning district, confirmed with Rob Houseman, is Agricultural/Residential. The verbiage in Section 175-122 of the Zoning Ordinance is correct, but the title of the district as it appears in the Zoning Ordinance is incorrect. The question in Section F. on page 8 is an issue to be addressed by the Land Bank. Note: The correct spelling of the road name is “Brown’s Ridge Road.”

Ed Roundy confirmed that the Land Bank will be turning over the land to the Town and Lakes Region Conservation Trust would be the easement holder.

Referencing page 8, Section F., Ed Roundy stated he is opposed to allowing commercial recreational vehicles and equipment.

Sarah Silk asked if there are existing snowmobile trails on the property.

Dan Coons replied no.

Sarah Silk recommended that if commercial recreational vehicles are going to be prohibited, to include language to allow for ADA modes of transportation. She recommended having Town Counsel review the easement deed and provide language for such.

Dan Coons recommended incorporating language relative to permitting ADA modes of transportation in Section III.A.2.e.4.

The Commission reviewed the easement deed and recommended the following;

- Pages 6 & 8, Section III.A.2.e.4.; incorporate language to allow for ADA modes of transportation/vehicles; *\*\*Note: Request Town Counsel to review and provide language related to such*
- Page 8, Section F.; the Commission is in agreement to prohibit recreational vehicles, including snowmobiles and any mechanized and/or motorized vehicles

#### **D. Land Acquisition**

Dan Coons stated he has not had contact with the property owners of the potential available properties located at Route 28/Tibbetts Road.

### **III. Old/New Business**

#### **Front Bay Park**

Ed Roundy asked who is responsible for maintenance at Front Bay Park; noting 50-100 pine tree branches have fallen. He stated the branches are so compact that he was unable to move them; noting some are located within the pathway. He stated such is a potential fire threat.

Dan Coons stated the Parks and Recreation Department has assisted the Commission with the maintenance of the property however, ultimately, it is the Commission’s responsibility to manage the property.

#### **Town’s Garden Intern**

Ed Roundy stated he would prepare a motion for the next Commission meeting relative to supporting the hire of an intern at the Towns Garden.

**IV. Informational Items**

**NHDES Correspondence**

Referencing the 87 Rocky Shore Road Revocable Trust NHDES application, Ed Roundy stated the approval is lacking in process; noting there is no acknowledgement in the approval regarding the amount of blasting needed for the project.

Dan Coons stated the blasting is viewed as a means of excavation.

**It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the January 12, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*

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