

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 10, 2015
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Luke Freudenberg, Selectmen's Representative and Alternate, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand, Members.

Members Absent: Gail Antonucci, Member, Randy Tetreault, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:39 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.
Chairman Coons appointed Luke Freudenberg, Alternate, to sit in for Gail Antonucci, Member.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
June 8, 2015 Minutes**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the June 8, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Luke Freudenberg, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
June 22, 2015**

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the June 22, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Luke Freudenberg, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Lenore Clark abstained. The motion passed.

July 6, 2015

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to approve the July 6, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

July 25, 2015

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the July 25, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Lenore Clark, Luke Freudenberg abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. **NH Timberland Owners Association Membership**

The Commission discussed such and agreed not to renew their membership.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to decline the renewal of the Commission's membership to the NH Timberland Owners Association. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. **Towns Garden 2015 Intern**

Ed Roundy stated the intern's hours are being kept in a record book at the site and noted he would contact the intern to schedule boundary marking.

The Commission reviewed the work program prepared by Staff and agreed to forward such to the school and Susan Poirier as part of its program.

C. **Invasive Species; Front Bay Park and Towns Garden**

No report.

D. **McBride Property; LCHIP Monitoring Report**

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Don McBride and scheduled the site walk for the fall; noting he would contact Steve Walker, OEP, regarding such.

E. **Shade Tree Deed**

No report.

F. **Fernald Station**

Dan Coons stated he walked the site with Andrew Lester; noting Mr. Lester is proposing a one mile single track (not pump track) with the potential of 5-6 additional miles of trail winding through the woods. He stated the trail may be similar to Sewall Woods. He stated Mr. Lester will be submitting a formal proposal to the Commission for consideration.

III. Old/New Business

Student Conservation Association ~ Whiteface Mountain

Dan Coons stated the SCA completed a mile-long hiking trail up the northeast face of Whiteface Mountain. He noted the following; SCA created 5,252' of new trail, 530' corridor cleared to the summit, 22' timber turnpike and 184' of timber retaining walls totaling 855 service hours. He stated a bridge was built across a low area as well.

Jeff Marchand asked if the trailhead is located in Wolfeboro.

Dan Coons replied yes.

Art Slocum stated the Land Bank is speaking with the owner of the property that access the trailhead regarding parking. However, he noted the location has poor line of sight.

Dan Coons stated the Town has access off Browns Ridge Road to the trail however, the access sits 10' high from the road surface. He stated he would be meeting with Don McBride, Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro on 8/14/15 to discuss access and parking. He stated the SCA has requested

an additional week in September or October to complete the trail to the summit; noting the SCA would discount the cost 10%.

Jeff Marchand asked the amount for such.

Dan Coons replied approximately \$10,000.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to approve an additional week for the Student Conservation Association to complete the trail to the summit at Whiteface Mountain.

Discussion of the motion:

Jeff Marchand stated access to the trail is not user friendly and signage, access and parking has not been addressed. Therefore, he questioned continuing work on the trail until such issues are addressed.

Art Slocum expressed concern for building a trail without access. He stated the intent of the project was to build a trail that is safe and can be used.

Dan Coons stated Dave Overall verbally agreed to allow parking in an area at the bottom of his driveway to access the trail.

Luke Freudenberg asked if the Commission is obligated to commit to the completion of the trail.

Dan Coons replied no.

The Committee agreed to table contracting the SCA for an additional week until the Commission receives feedback relative to access and parking.

Lenore Clark withdrew her motion.

Luke Freudenberg withdrew his second.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to table contracting the SCA for an additional week until the Commission receives feedback relative to access and parking. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Goodwins Basin Historic Marker

Ed Roundy stated the historic marker is in place and noted Dave Bowers included such in his editorial in the Granite State News. He stated the Land Bank is in the process of deciding the placement of a sign and language for said sign relative to the purchase and maintenance of the properties.

Dan Coons questioned the location of the sign and whether the sign would be placed on the State's property or the Town's property.

Ed Roundy replied the State's property.

Dan Coons questioned whether the sign should be located on the Town's property across the street.

Ed Roundy expressed concern regarding safety issues and stated the Town should encourage people to pull off the road to read the sign.

Art Slocum recommended locating a sign on the Cotton Valley Trail.

The Commission agreed to table such to the September meeting.

Fernald Properties

Dan Coons stated Keith Fletcher, Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, is speaking with the Fernald family regarding the potential sale of their properties located on Tibbetts Road and Center Street. He noted Tax Map 85-2 has frontage on Tibbetts Road and consists of 15.23 acres, Tax Map 101-1 is located on Center Street and Tibbetts Road and consists of 141 acres and Tax Map 84-2 is landlocked and consists of 30.6 acres. The purchase would be a joint effort between the Commission, Wolfeboro Tuftonboro Land Bank and Moose Mountain Regional Greenways.

Winter Harbor Watershed Stormwater Improvements and Wetlands Restoration Stakeholders Meeting

The Public Works Department has scheduled a meeting on Whitegate Lane on Friday 8/28/15 at 2 PM. Purpose of meeting is to discuss stormwater, erosion and other issues causing negative impacts to the land, wetlands and the lake within the Winter Harbor watershed and more specifically, along Whitegate Lane. The department is looking for feedback and concerns from Conservation Commission, property owners and residents in the area.

IV. Informational Items

The following information items were provided to the Commission; NHACC annual meeting, Greenway Gazette and NHDES Wetlands correspondence.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Jeff Marchand to adjourn the August 10, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Keathley
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