

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 14, 2015
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Gail Antonucci, Jeff Marchand, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Luke Freudenberg, Selectmen's Representative and Alternate, Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:34 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
August 10, 2015 Minutes**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the August 10, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
August 10, 2015**

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the August 10, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

August 17, 2015

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the August 17, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. NH Association for Conservation Commissions Annual Membership

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to renew the annual membership to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$522. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. Shade Tree Deed

Staff stated she contacted the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and was informed that during the process of a campaign sponsored by SPNHF to establish forest reservations along

State highways, the agency researched and acquired Shade Tree Deeds for several communities. The Shade Tree Deeds should have been forwarded to the Towns following the completion of the campaign however, the SPNHF retained the deeds. SPNHF is now providing the Conservation Commissions the original deeds and paperwork associated with such; noting the deeds represent real estate held by the Town. She stated there is no action required by the Conservation Commission or Town officials regarding the receipt of the deed and would be filed in the Conservation Commission's office.

C. Towns Garden 2015 Intern

Ed Roundy stated the intern worked a total of 22 hours; noting he was informed that the student was very reliable. He noted the eastern boundary is not well established.

D. 2016 Budget

The Commission reviewed such and agreed to level fund all line items except for Dues & Subscriptions; noting such increased from \$651 to \$672 (increase in the NH Association of Conservation Commission annual membership).

E. Goodwins Basin

Ed Roundy stated he is working with the state regarding the posting of a directional sign for the historic marker. He stated that if the State approves such, he feels the Goodwins Basin sign should be placed next to the historic marker. He stated he does not agree that a sign be placed on the property along Route 28. He noted the Land Bank would share the cost of the sign and language for such would include credit of the land purchase made possible by the Land Bank, Commission and generous land owner in addition to the land being maintained by the Commission.

Dan Coons stated he spoke to Paul Desmarais regarding placing a sign on the Bridge Falls Path; noting Mr. Desmarais did not have an objection to such. He stated he would prefer a sign on the property rather than next to the historic marker.

Gail Antonucci stated she would prefer that a sign be located on the trail.

Lenore Clark agreed that a sign should be located on the trail. She stated the road location of the sign would depend upon the amount of wording on the sign.

Jeff Marchand stated the sign would be read and appreciated if located on the trail.

F. McBride Property; LCHIP Monitoring Report

Dan Coons stated he would contact Don McBride and schedule a site walk in October.

G. Fernald Properties

The Commission reviewed the tax map of the parcels; 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.

H. Whiteface Mountain Conservation Easement Deed

Dan Coons stated Keith Fletcher, Moose Mountain Regional Greenway, has no issues with the revisions.

Ed Roundy questioned the status of snowmobile use.

Dan Coons stated only the Overall family is permitted to use snowmobiles on the Whiteface Mountain property.

Ed Roundy asked whether successors to Dave Overall would be permitted to do so.

Dan Coons stated he does not know.

Ed Roundy asked if Mr. Overall is limited to where he can operate the snowmobiles.

Dan Coons replied no.

The Commission recommended the following issues noted in the deed be clarified and/or resolved;

- Page 8, subparagraph F.; highlighted text
- Page 9, subparagraph H.; highlighted text
- Page 10, 1st paragraph (continuation of subparagraph C. on page 9); highlighted text
- Page 13, Section VII.; notes that “burdens run with the land” therefore, the Commission questions whether the privileges also run with the land
- Should language relative to “abutter” (noted in above pages/subparagraphs) be deleted and a separate agreement be executed relative to leasing the land by the Overall family

III. Old/New Business

Access to Whiteface Mountain from Brown’s Ridge Road

Dan Coons stated currently, the property and trail can be accessed from Browns Ridge Road however; the access sits 10’ high from the road surface. He noted a better access point is located further down Browns Ridge Road however, the frontage is owned by an abutter located across the street. He stated Jim Nupp, Land Bank, has been in contact with the property owner; noting the property owner has agreed to execute a formal agreement for trailhead access, signage and parking. He stated Roger Murray III is preparing a deed restriction associated with such.

Student Conservation Association ~ Whiteface Mountain

Dan Coons questioned whether the Commission would like to contract SCA for an additional week to complete the trail to the summit since access issues have been clarified and resolved. He stated SCA is available from 9/22-10/2/2015 and 10/6-10/16/15.

Jeff Marchand asked if the Land Bank is contributing towards the cost of such.

Dan Coons stated the Land Bank has offered to contribute 50% of the cost.

The Commission discussed boundary marking and blazing markers on the trees.

Art Slocum asked what color was used to mark the trails from Cowper Road.

Ed Roundy replied white.

Jeff Marchand questioned whether SCA could mark the trail.

Dan Coons replied yes, depending on time.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to contract the services of the Student Conservation Association to perform additional trail upgrades to the summit of White Face Mountain in the amount of \$9,100 (funding contribution to be solicited from the Land Bank); noting the funds will be debited from the Land Conservation Fund. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. Informational Items

The following information items were provided to the Commission; NHACC publication, The Legacy publication and NHDES Wetlands correspondence.

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the September 14, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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