

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 11, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Luke Freudenberg, Selectmen's Representative and Alternate, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Randy Tetreault, Alternates.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Others Present: Jim Roulliard.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 6:36 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Meeting Room.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
December 14, 2015 Minutes**

Corrections:

Page 3, Old/New Business, 1st sentence; strike "has been offered a gift of" and replace with "is interested in"

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the December 14, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
December 14, 2015**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the December 14, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
December 14, 2015**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the December 23, 2015 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Stoddard Conservation Commission; Bobcat Protection

Dan Coons stated the Stoddard Conservation Commission has requested support in opposing the opening of a trapping and hunting season on bobcats in New Hampshire and referenced an email from Helen Tam-Semmens, dated 12/16/15. He stated the Stoddard Conservation

Commission requested support either by writing a letter to the NH Fish and Game Commission or signing a joint letter they have prepared.

Staff informed the Commission that the NH Fish and Game Commission Public Hearing for the adoption of the rules for the bobcat season is scheduled for 2/1/16; noting the NH Fish and Game Commission will accept comments until 2/10/16. Our joint letter will be delivered to the NH Fish and Game Commission at the time.

Jeff Marchand stated he is opposed to endorsing Stoddard Conservation Commission's letter.

Art Slocum stated the Commission also represents the Town of Wolfeboro therefore, would be in favor of the Commission sending an individual letter rather than participating in a joint letter.

Sarah Silk stated she is comfortable signing the joint letter.

Luke Freudenberg stated he opposes trapping and hunting bobcats.

Jeff Marchand stated there is an argument to the issue and feels the Commission should not make a decision without public input.

Dan Coons stated that keeping predators within the ecosystem is very important.

The Commission agreed to submit a letter to the editor.

B. Wetlands Conservation Overlay District

Dan Coons stated that if there are changes to the ordinance, such would be placed on the 2017 Town Warrant. He noted any potential changes by the Planning Board are on hold until following changes by the State.

Art Slocum expressed concern regarding a broader impact to abutting properties.

C. Fernald Properties

No report.

D. Invasive Species; Front Bay Park & Towns Garden

Dan Coons stated Kirk Titus, Bartlett Tree Experts, has not submitted a cost estimate.

Jeff Marchand, Ed Roundy and Dan Coons volunteered to develop a square footage area for treatment and schedule a site walk, date and time to be determined.

E. Conservation Commission Webpage and Facebook Page

Staff reviewed the Town's Conservation Commission webpage and noted she would develop a Facebook page as well.

F. Whiteface Mountain

Jeff Marchand submitted a tax map of the abutters to Whiteface Mountain for informational purposes.

III. Old/New Business

Stoneham Road Properties

The Commission reviewed the listing sheets for the properties; noting the lots are sloped and have no great value with regard to scenic value.

IV. Informational Items

The Commission received NHDES correspondence.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to adjourn the January 11, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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