

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

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Art Slocum, Jeff Marchand, Gail Antonucci, Members, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Member Absent: Randy Tetreault, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Coons opened the meeting at 5:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Hall Annex Meeting Room.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
March 14, 2016 Minutes**

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to approve the March 14, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
March 14, 2016**

It was moved by Lenore Clark and seconded by Art Slocum to approve the March 14, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Dredge & Fill Minutes
April 2, 2016**

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Jeff Marchand to approve the April 2, 2016 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge and Fill minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. NH DES Pre-application Discussion; TM #167-28

Randy Orvis, Geometres Blue Hills, LLC, stated his clients received a Letter of Deficiency from NH DES, dated 8/28/14. He stated the Letter of Deficiency included a timber harvest and new crossing which spanned a wetland area that is designated as a Prime Wetland. He noted that the property is located on Route 109 and stated his client's goal is to graze bison however; the Prime Wetland bisects the property. He stated he is preparing the mitigation plan and noted a 1937 plan depicts an original agricultural road/crossing. He stated his clients do not want to remove the crossing because the land then becomes unusable. He stated mitigation would include excavating down to the water table and establishing a wetland.

Ed Roundy questioned the acreage.

Randy Orvis replied approximately 90 acres; noting 50-60% of the acreage is located on the other side of the wetland. He stated there is 600 acres of watershed upstream to the property. He noted that NH DES has requested the installation of an open bottom culvert and stated he is proposing two 7'x3' plastic arch culverts. He stated he is proposing to leave the crossing in its existing location, loam and seed shoulders and slopes, remove the existing 24" pipe and install a tandem open bottom culvert system.

Ed Roundy questioned the number of abutters.

Randy Orvis replied 16.

Dan Coons asked if the property has been logged.

Randy Orvis replied yes, some of the acreage has been logged.

Dan Coons asked if the intent is to clear cut for a pasture.

Randy Orvis stated his clients wish to use the entire parcel to raise bison.

Ed Roundy questioned whether there are structures on the property.

Randy Orvis stated his clients live in a mobile home on the property however, plan to build a house; noting the foundation has been dug out for such.

Dan Coons asked if there is a stream.

Randy Orvis replied yes, a perennial stream.

The Commission scheduled a site visit for 4/18/16. The Commission agreed to meet at 6 PM at the Town Offices and carpool to the site.

B. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Gail Antonucci to appoint Dan Coons as Chairman and appoint Lenore Clark as Vice-Chairman to the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

C. Willey Brook; Wetland Delineation and Bike Park

Ed Roundy recommended moving forward with a wetland delineation of the Willey Brook property. With regard to the bike park, he stated he is comfortable with having a separate group responsible for the maintenance of such and noted the development of a bike park on the property would be an asset to the Town.

Referencing the bike park, Jeff Marchand stated he is in favor of the Commission voting on a plan rather than a concept.

Dan Coons stated he contacted the Governor's Commission of Disability regarding ADA compliance and inspections; noting the office provided resources to review.

The Commission discussed the bike park proposal.

Jeff Marchand stated he is in favor of the idea of the bike path/trail system however, questions the pump track; noting he feels the latter is more commercial/industrial. He stated the Commission has not discussed impact to wildlife or fauna and recommended interconnecting trails, stone dust and no bridge.

Dan Coons offered to perform the wetlands delineation pro bono.

Several Commission members offered their assistance with regard to the delineation.

Art Slocum recommended a path along Willey Brook and a picnic area. He stated he feels there would be foot traffic as well.

Dan Coons recommended stone dust for the picnic area. He noted Bear Brook State Park has single track trails and parking for hikers and bikers.

Jeff Marchand suggested a multiuse outdoor facility rather than labeling it as a bike path.

Dan Coons suggested phasing the project to include roughing out the perimeter trail and following such consider stone dust based on usage. He stated he spoke to the Pathways Committee.

Ed Roundy recommended a steering committee for the project.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Lenore Clark to perform a Wetland Delineation of the Willey Brook parcel. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

D. Goodwins Basin

Dan Coons stated Jim Bean increased the rate to mow Goodwins Basin from \$175 to \$280.

It was moved by Ed Roundy and seconded by Art Slocum to contract Jim Bean for the Goodwins Basin mowing at the cost of \$280. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

E. Student Conservation Association

Dan Coons stated he discussed potential projects with the SCA including Willey Brook (bike park and pump track), Ellie's Woodland Walk (walkway and parking area) and invasive species (Towns Garden, Front Bay Park). He stated Eric Groves will be forwarding a cost estimate for chemical treatment of invasive species and noted the SCA could be contracted for follow-up work with regard to such.

III. Old Business

WAP Map

Staff informed the Commission the WAP map is now located in the Conservation Commission office.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Informational Items

The Commission was provided NH DES correspondence.

It was moved by Art Slocum and seconded by Ed Roundy to adjourn the April 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 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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