

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 12, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at the Wolfeboro Public Library at 6:06 pm.

Members Present: Lenore Clark, Chair, Dan Coons, Vice-Chair, Dave Senecal, BOS Representative, Peter Foley, Brenda Jorett, Members, Bob Gilbert, Warren Muir, Sarah Silk, Alternates.

Members Absent: Brian Gifford, Jeff Marchand, Jim Nupp, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Lenore Clark appointed Bob Gilbert, Alternate, to sit in for Jeff Marchand, Member, Sarah Silk, Alternate, to sit in for Jim Nupp, and Warren Muir, Alternate, to sit in for Brian Gifford, Member.

I. Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2024

Corrections: Page 1, Approval of Minutes, amend motion as follows; add “Bob Gilbert” as a member voting in favor and change vote to “(7-0-1)”
Page 2, 3rd paragraph, 2nd bullet, 1st line; change “and” to “or”

It was moved by Brenda Jorett to approve the January 8, 2024 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. Peter Foley seconded the motion. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Bob Gilbert, Brenda Jorett, Dave Senecal, Peter Foley voted in favor. Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).

January 22, 2024 Dredge & Fill

It was moved by Brenda Jorett to approve the January 22, 2024 Wolfeboro Conservation Commission Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Peter Foley seconded the motion. Lenore Clark, Dan Coons, Bob Gilbert, Brenda Jorett, Dave Senecal, Peter Foley voted in favor. Warren Muir abstained. The motion passed (6-0-1).

II. Discussion Items

a. Library Local Recreation Panel

Lenore Clark stated Joyce Davis is planning programs for the Library for 2024 and wondered if the Commission would be interested in participating in such. She stated a member of the Commission would speak to the public about the Town’s protected land that is available for recreational use in addition to land conservation.

The Commission discussed such and agreed to invite Ms. Davis to next month’s meeting.

b. 2024 Meeting Schedule

The Commission is scheduled to meet on the following dates; March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 21, November 18, and December 9. All meetings are scheduled for 6 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

c. SPNHF Membership

It was moved by Dan Coons to renew the Conservation Commission's membership dues to Society for the Protection of NH Forests in the amount of \$75.00. Brenda Jorett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (7-0-0).

d. QR Code for Front Bay Park and Whiteface

The Commission tabled such until after Town Meeting.

e. Prime Wetland Mapping

Dan Coons stated some mapping of Prime Wetlands was previously completed; noting a list needs to be made as to which were mapped and following such a quote should be sought to complete the mapping.

**f. Fernald Station
Parking Signage**

No report.

Construction of Equipment Shed

Lenore Clark distributed a photograph and rough sketch of the site and a spec sheet of the proposed shed. She stated a building permit is required for the structure and requested an agreement between Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance (WSA) and the Commission regarding ownership and maintenance; noting such would include a hold harmless clause.

Dan Coons stated he would speak to WSA regarding such.

Kiosk Sign

Lenore Clark stated the Commission has previously discussed placing such at the site. The Commission agreed to move forward with such (sign would not include a QR code at this time).

g. 2024 Invasive Species Management Plan

Lenore Clark stated she will contact Lee Gilman regarding such. She asked if the Commission is interested in adding the Armory property to the plan.

The Commission agreed to request Mr. Gilman to assess the Armory property, provide a plan for such, and provide a status report on the Towns Garden and Front Bay Park properties.

h. Continuing Education Recap

Lenore Clark stated Brenda Jorett, Peter Foley, and Jeff Marchand have been participating in an online continuing education program offered by NHACC.

Brenda Jorett stated she attended the Leave No Trace program and reviewed the Leave No Trace Hotspot.

Peter Foley stated NHACC is holding a four part program that looks at a Town from a wildlife habitat perspective. He stated another webinar is scheduled to discuss signage; noting he provided input regarding milfoil signage in Wolfeboro.

i. Student Engagement

Brenda Jorett stated she would develop a plan and present it to the Commission later in the year; noting she would like to facilitate a program with local kids.

Warren Muir stated there is opportunity with regard to mitigation.

Dan Coons recommended partnering with Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and Wentworth Watershed Association.

j. NRI/Conservation Plan

Lenore Clark stated Moosewood Ecological is preparing a Natural Resource Inventory for the Planning Board; noting she is unaware of the status of such.

The Commission tabled further discussion of such to March 11.

k. Wolfeboro Waters

Warren Muir stated cyanobacteria issues are present and of concern. He stated previously sediment data collection occurred in Winter Harbor and reviewed the results of such. He noted additional sediment data has been collected and needs to be analyzed. He stated the Town has contributed to the Watershed Management Plan that is being developed; noting Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth is not included in the plan because a separate plan is being developed for those lakes. He stated having a Watershed Management Plan will help the Town receive 319 grants. He reviewed flow and phosphorus testing; noting the Committee is reviewing the purchase of a flow meter. He questioned collaboration between the Commission and the Wolfeboro Waters Committee for the purchase of a flow meter.

III. Other Business/Informational Items

Year To Date Expenditures

The Commission reviewed such.

Whiteface Mountain Conservation Easement

Lenore Clark stated the conservation easement has been executed and recorded; noting the Commission received \$37,500 from LCHIP. She stated LCHIP provided two signs to place at the property.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways Mixer

Scheduled for February 15 at the Great Hall, Wolfeboro Town Hall at 5:30 pm and requested members RSVP to Veronica Bodes.

Tree Tribe ID Walk

Tree identification walk is scheduled for March 2 at the Bridge Falls Path, time unknown.

Property Monitoring/Boundary Marking

The Commission table such to March.

Sewall Woods Access for Snowshoers

Lenore Clark confirmed that a trail pass is required and can be purchased at Nordic Skier.

Dan Coons stated the trail pass is applicable to both snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Non-Public Session

N/A

**VI. NH Dredge & Fill Application(s)
Wentworth Watershed Association
The Brewster Heath Preserve
Permit By Notification
Tax Map #219-27**

The applicant is proposing to install two elevated wood viewing platforms to facilitate wildlife observation and water quality sampling at The Brewster Heath Preserve.

The Conservation Commission noted no objection to The Brewster Heath Preserve Permit By Notification application, Tax Map #219-27.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Dan Coons to adjourn the February 12, 2024 Conservation Commission meeting. Brenda Jorett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (7-0-0).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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