

Whitefield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023
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Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

Members Present: Chairman Frank Lombardi, Vice Chairman Donald LaPlante, Marcia Hammon, Lisa Courcy, Marsha Lombardi, Edith Worcester, David Chase and Secretary Tina Wright.

Members Absent: None

Public Present: None

Minutes: Marcia Hammon noticed that David Chase was not listed as a member present at the June 14, 2023 meeting. Donald made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

Eversource S136 project.

Frank said Eversource came to the Planning Board meeting last night (8/8/23). Eversource is replacing poles from Whitefield to Berlin. The packet they gave the Planning Board did not have a lot of information. The maps they did send do not indicate the height of the poles. Eversource did say they are not going to affect the wetlands as much. Frank said he thinks the Town should have the full report in a few weeks. This project is not as big as the last project. Still using a 115 kw line, same power.

Walking Trail.

Don drafted a letter to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation asking permission to use a small portion of their railbed for the trail.

Frank asked how everyone felt about continuing the trail down back.

Everyone is still in agreement with moving forward.

Apartment Buildings

The Commission discussed the four apartment buildings that are being built down behind the town hall.

This is phase 1. Much larger lot behind this one.

Three lots off of Clover Lane have been combined. He's going to put four buildings in a row.

Marcia Hammon asked about the sewer. Mr. Scalley is hoping to hook into town sewage but there is some discussion on whether that will be possible. He will put in a septic if that does not work.

Town Forest

Frank asked if we should write a letter to the WEDC about the lot in the industrial park.

Don suggested we invite them to a meeting and have a face to face meeting with them.

We will try to reach out to Katie Kopp.

There is a parcel of land next to the high school owned by John Dodge. Would be a great piece of land for a town forest and have the high school students manage it.

Map 211-012.

The Whitefield "Dodge Family" Town Forest.

Lisa Courcy agreed to draft a letter to Lore Dodge about this property.

Bylaws

Don said I propose that I draft a copy of the by laws for us.

Salem NH has something that is worth looking at. Don said he will bring to the group and divide it up and we can make changes as we go.

Other Business

Marcia Hammon suggested we create a handout for the public. Things to warn people not to use, throw away etc.

Don said we should approach the high school kids to have a contest and create one and they win a \$100 reward.

Correspondence:

The Conservation Commission received a letter of reported alleged violation on August 2, 2023 in reference to 630 Littleton Road, Whitefield, Tax Map #244, Lot #002.

A complaint that they may have impacted a wetland or stream to construct a pond was reported to NHDES. The Commission discussed the difference of dredging vs. digging a pond. It's an 11 acre parcel. A pond over two acres in size does require a permit. It is not known the size of said pond. Edith asked about DES looking at the wetland maps. Frank said they most likely have but will still go look at the property.

An article came across Lisa's Facebook feed about an 11 lot subdivision in Dalton, N.H. 1.33 acres is in the town of Whitefield.

They talked about if this could make an impact on Mirror Lake. Franki pulled up a topographical map from the AXIS GIS program and showed the slopes of this 80.33 acres.

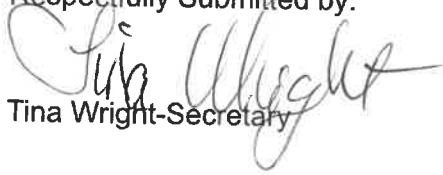
It is pitched away from Mirror Lake. Edith mentioned that the Dalton Planning Board is looking into water problems with property as residents are complaining that their properties are now having problems with water since the land has been cut.

Marcia Hammon said the NHDES keeps track of algae buildups in lakes and whether they are safe for swimming. Mirror Lake was previously listed as unsafe. She said this usually happens in lakes that are overdeveloped and Frank said it is a cold water lake. Lisa said we've just had so much rain this summer. Donald said that so many beaches and waters have been closed this summer because of the bacteria and algae issues.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., at the Whitefield Town Hall

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Don at 5:30 p.m, seconded by David. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tina Wright".

Tina Wright-Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Lombardi".

Frank Lombardi-Chairman