

# Wakefield Conservation Commission Public Minutes

December 12, 2023

Town Hall Conference Room

Approved January 8, 2023 3-0-1

Mark Duffy Selectmens Representative		Dave Silcocks, alternate	
Relf Fogg, Chair	✓	Donna Ackerman, Vice Chair	✓
Josh Fuller	✓	Rob Hewins	✓
Rick Werhan	✓	Gil with Clearview	✓

These minutes were drafted from Clearview Community TV archives and are not as detailed as the video available to the public. The discussion times are added to help locate the discussion on the video, and may be slightly inaccurate.

The Commission convened public session at 7:00PM.

Commission members were introduced as Donna Ackerman, Rick Werhan and Rob Hewins. Relf Fogg was seated as Chair. Mr. Mark Albee was in attendance.

7:01 Public comment period. None at that time.

7:02 The minutes of October 24th were tabled until the next meeting, but the minutes of November 28, 2023 were available. Rob moved to approve those minutes, Donna made a second, all in favor. 4-0

7:03 Mr. Albee expressed his appreciation of receiving the letter crafted by Rob, and went into his intent to further his attempts to place property on Gage Hill Rd. into a conservation easement where the public can keep accessibility to the parcel. Map 163, Lot 30. A forestry plan is in the plans of Mr. Albee and the development rights would be curtailed through the easement.

7:22 Josh Fuller was able to briefly join the meeting.

7:24 A PBN application for Map 57, Lot 22 was discussed, ,NHB report 2023-461. Donna motioned to have application signed, Rick seconded motion, passed 4-0.

7:32 a PBN permit was applied for Map 45, lot 62, NHB 2023-3425 submitted on November 28<sup>th</sup>, Rob made a motion to have it signed, Donna seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

7:25 Map 235 lot 6 owners received letter acknowledging application at State received. Permit issued to the State from the State for tax map 223, lot 18 for logging operation on the northeast

end of the Union Meadows (Marsh Rd.) Owners of Map 153 lot 4 were notified of a request for more information ( signature from CC) A permit was issued for Map 156 lot 15 with numerous site specific conditions. Correspondence from the State to the owners of Map 114, lot 22 was citing violations on property. Owners of Map 85, Lot 1 received a request for photos and a cross section of the project seeking a permit.

7:46 Discussion on financials and budget cuts were discussed. The difference between operating budget lines in our operating budget and fund 3 were clarified. Many zeros raised cause for concern. The Commission went over moving funds to cover an overspent line.

7:50 The recording secretary position was discussed, Donna volunteered to reach out and invite the applicant to our next meeting. (January 9<sup>th</sup>?) Rick was curious if nonpublic or public discussion was appropriate regarding potential employees.

7:56 Under old business Donna apologized regarding some passionate debating at a previous meeting, \$3157 from the operating lines to Barry Camp and the balance of \$343 towards Tanglewood from fund 3 to total \$3500 runs a risk of being lost without much interest. Deadlines are February 5. for Barry Camp. There was a question about diverting operating lines into fund 3 balances. Donna was able to share wonderful cards from previous campers that should be shared at the Deliberative session.

8:11 Rob shared with the Commission the Pride Day project that we provide the town bare root trees and the possibility of shrubs or maybe fruit trees, and the \$300 budget limit and by consensus would move forward.

8:17 Rick shared with the Commission that the north trail underwent some recent enhancement efforts at the UMCP, addressed the ridge, stonewalls and cliff, and to follow the pink flags.

8:18 Fogg reached out to Keith Laramie and has not received a response.

8:19 Motion by Donna to adjourn, seconded by Rob, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next Conservation Commission meeting,

Relf Fogg

Acting Temporary Secretary