

# Wakefield Conservation Commission Public Minutes

November 28, 2023

Town Hall Conference Room

Approved December 12, 2023

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.

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

7:02 The minutes of October 24th were tabled until the next meeting.

7:03 A Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application was reviewed by WCC Map 153 Lot 4 as presented by Peter Cooperdock, the application was deemed administratively complete.

7:11 A PBN application for 129 Flynn Rd. ,Map 56, Lot 1 was discussed, Donna motioned to have application signed, Rick seconded motion, passed 4-0.

7:18 DES sent a notice of complaint for Map 114 Lot 22 to the owners.

7:22 a permit was issued for Map 79, lot 14

7:25 Josh Fuller joined the meeting. Josh expressed concerns regarding enforcement of codes and rules, the role of the Commissions involvement was reviewed again.

7:30 Discussion on financials and budget cuts were discussed. The difference between operating budget lines and fund 3 were clarified. Rob clarified discussions at the Selectboard level. Rob also reviewed the Budget Committees action. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the

campership program, expending monies from the operating budget as a stopgap measure to commit funds to the Barry Camp reserving spaces for children in town.

The Commission went over moving some clerical funds to cover an overspent line and adding the remaining clerical funds along with the campership lines to spend prior to the end of the year.

8:05 Selectmens representative Mark Duffy joined the conversation via the telephone to clarify the approach of "encumbering" operating lines and clarifying the fund 3 approach and encouraged the Commission to make it work, one way or another...

8:13 Josh made a motion to expend the \$3500 towards the campership, \$3157 from the operating lines and the balance of \$343 from fund 3 to total \$3500, seconded by Fogg for discussion. Discussion ensued in an attempt to understand motion and clarify intent. Motion to move the question quickly followed a motion to table (no second). Motion passed 3-2.

8:22 Rob made a motion to attempt to revise budget at the Deliberative Session and restore funding for the campership program, seconded by Fogg, motion passed 5-0

8:25 AI was introduced to the Commission as an alternative to a recording secretary, consensus was given to experiment with the approach.

8:30 Letter of interest regarding the Conservation Easement outreach, a Mr. Albee woodlot on Gage Hill Rd. Consensus was to have Rob reach back to Mr. Albee and invite him to a future Commission meeting.

8:38 Rick shared with the Commission some recent efforts to commence flagging at the UMCP.

8:40 Rob would like to hear from Evergreen Valley regarding keeping the UMCP, Fogg will reach out to Keith Laramie. And is attempting to reach Cynthia Wyatt.

8:43 there have been requests to update the Commission members on the Towns website...

8:45 December 12<sup>th</sup> was next Commission meeting scheduled.

8:46 Motion by Rick to adjourn, seconded by Rob, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next Conservation Commission meeting,

Relf Fogg

Acting Temporary Secretary