



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Paula Gilman, Member
Susan Hale-de Seve, Member
Nikita Twaalfhoven, Member
Jason Smith, Member
Thomas Dombrowski, Alt. Mmbr
Bre Daigneault, Com. Dev. Dir.

MINUTES APPROVED

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

Call to Order

A. Review of Minutes – January 8, 2024

Member de Seve made the motion to approve. Member Gilman seconded. **Motion passed 7-0**

B. Correspondence/Announcements

- Trails Sub-committee update

Member Dombrowski stated they subcommittee would be looking to host a moonlight hike on Feb. 24th at Cogswell Mountain.

- Member Hale-de Seve announced the Energy Committee is hoping to display and discuss electric vehicles on Earth Day. Weather depending, a trail walk may follow.

- Ron Klemarczyk, Forest Resource Consultants

Chair Hackley explained that Mr. Klemarczyk was working on a forest management plan for the Betty Smither and Walch family Town Forests. This was made possible by a grant secured by the Belknap County Conservation District. Mr. Klemarczyk was here to discuss his proposals for the management plans. He explained his process for running gridlines through the forest and takes samples. He explained the stands on each parcel along with historical markers and the potential for invasive species. For a timber cut, Mr. Klemarczyk would recommend looking at stands one and two to would remove mature quality pine, hemlock and hardwoods. Buffer zones would be kept between wetlands and abutters. They can discuss areas for hiking trails so the harvest will not affect any potential trails. Chair Hackley would like the CC to ask questions regarding the physical features, trees species, and cultural resources, then discuss the management. Member Gilman inquired if there would be photos added to the plan. Mr. Klemarczyk said not necessarily. Though he would recommend a separate section in the plan for historical research. Mr. Klemarczyk stated they Smither forest is fairly young. They could do a timber stand improvement on this parcel. Member Gilman inquired if tree girdling would take place. Mr. Klemarczyk does some on a small scale but does not recommend it around trail systems. The tree species were discussed furthered. Chair Hackley inquired when they were ready for a harvest on the Smithers tract, where the yard be located. Mr. Klemarczyk stated there was a right of way off Howard Rd, by the

cell tower that could be used. said there was no rush- recommend cutting Walch stand. Mr. Klemarczyk described the amount of each tree species found on the properties. He would have a draft of the management plan ready in a couple of weeks. Members discussed with Mr. Klemarczyk updating the commission with the management plan at the April 9th meeting.

C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship- No Updates

D. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications

Intent to Cut on Province Rd. Members had no concern.

E. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

- ForeCo- For vista expansion on Cogswell in the amount of \$813.35 to be paid from the Conservation Fund.
- The estimated revenue from the LUCT for the 2023 calendar year is \$8,615 will be coming to the conservation fund.
- DO- Quotes for signs for \$241.11 for the Sam & Anna and Warren Family signs. The quote for Sam & Anna sign had already been approved. Member de Seve made the motion to approve the Warren sign. Member Dombrowski seconded.

Motion passed 7-0

- The operating budget will be determined at Town vote on March 12th.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns- None

H. New Business

- The Commission will hold a joint meeting with GLT at the March 13th meeting. This will be held in a non-public session as a potential real estate acquisition will be discussed.
- The GCC will be working with the GLT on future lands worth preserving. VC Hopkins suggested the GCC develop land prioritization guidelines.
- Frisky Hill Request for Bids- Contractor Reference Review
VC Hopkins had contacted both applicants in the running to request their full insurance policies. Staff Daigneault had received a response from Raymond's insurance carrier, but they did not release the full policy. VC Hopkins checked the references provided by the bidders. Both firms came back with good references. He felt he would be comfortable with either firm. VC Hopkins would still like to review the insurance policies. Chair Hackley felt they should proceed with giving the firms a decision. VC Hopkins stated that from what he had seen, Raymond had a slightly better policy. Members felt that Raymond presented a broader clientele. Chair Hackett inquired if the commission was ready to vote on the bids. Member de Seve made the motion to take a vote on the winning bid. Member Gilman seconded. **Motion passed 7-0**
Chair Hackley called for a motion to accept the Raymond's Landscaping bid. **Motion passed 7-0**

- Chair Hackley requested action items be added to the agenda under “old business”.

I. Upcoming Dates

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick Hackley, Chairman