



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Site Walk

Thursday June 17, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Present: Sue Hale-de-Seve, Nanci Mitchell, Dick de Seve, Tracy Tarr (Chair), Laurie Churchill, Erin Hollingsworth

Absent: Joe Derrick

The Gilmanton Conservation Commission held a site walk on Thursday June 17, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Kevin E. Gannon Property located at 120 Varney Road (Tax Map/Lot # 106/039) in order to conduct a field inspection as part of a recently submitted Standard Dredge and Fill Application.

The application was for the continuation of an existing driveway. There is 880 square feet of proposed impact to nontidal wetland. The Commission had questions regarding the need for continuation of the driveway, the size and type of the proposed culvert, and expressed a desire to understand what the proposed grades of the driveway in order to understand the topography of the proposed culvert. Mr. Gannon indicated that his wife has almost driven into the wetland during the winter and an extension would allow for easier and safer access.

The original part of the driveway was very narrow, but a suggestion was made to install guardrail adjacent to the existing driveway in order to minimize the total proposed impact and create a safe accessway.

The driveway was transformed into an upside down "U" shape by the owner, by bringing in fill from a nearby new home construction site. It appeared to fill in what looked like a forested wetland. The new part of the driveway created an impact to the wetlands which was part of the recently submitted wetland application.

After some questions by the Commission of Mr. Gannon, the Commission suggested that Mr. Gannon find and meet with a Certified Wetland Scientist to review the extent of wetlands and update the wetland impact plan as necessary. The Commission also suggested that Mr. Gannon review the project with the DES Wetland Inspector for the project (i.e. William Thomas) to see if the project is approvable and to determine if additional data will be required (e.g. proposed topography for the driveway). Temporary sediment and erosion control measures may also be needed at the outer extent of the existing driveway extension.

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Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Churchill". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Laurie Churchill, Secretary

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