



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Academy Building, Gilmanton

Present: Dick de Seve, Sue Hale-de-Seve, Patrick Hackley, Nanci Mitchell, Tracy Tarr (Chair), Laurie Churchill, Joe Derrick

Absent: Erin Hollingsworth

- A. Minutes from June 8, 2010 were reviewed. Dick made a motion to approve minutes, Nanci seconded, and all voted in favor.
- B. Financial Report: Nanci provided GCC with copies of the 2010 YTD financials. The financials differ by \$12.50. The town states the GCC has \$12.50 more than GCC actually does. Erin Hollingsworth hasn't been reimbursed for the trail maps yet. Nanci is unsure of the May and June interest in the Conservation Fund. Nanci will pursue.
- C. Status Report: Tracy has revised this report and put it into an excel report to help her keep better track of items in the report. The notes in this report are helpful. Everyone approves of the new look and feel of the report with a few suggested edits. Tracy reviewed the details of the applications listed in the status report with the GCC.
- D. Wetland/Shoreland Applications:
 1. There were 3 new shoreland applications submitted.
 2. The culvert application on Donovan Road (TM/lot 409/41) has been approved by DES.
 3. The AoT amendment for the Rague property (TM/lot 34/3) has been approved by DES.
 4. With regards to the Gannon application, Nanci made a motion that the GCC send a letter to the DES with the comments from our recent site walk. In summary, these comments include: a) Mr. Gannon is concerned with the safety of the existing crossing and this concern may be alleviated by constructing a guard rail at the current driveway crossing, thus reducing total proposed wetland impacts, b) that Mr. Gannon could consider retaining a Certified Wetland Scientist to review the proposed driveway crossing to be able to provide a complete application plan. c) The wetland boundary may need to be determined by a professional to increase the accuracy of the plan. d) Mr. Gannon may need to stabilize the driveway slopes or install proper sediment erosion and controls until the driveway is completed or the fill is removed, as may be requested by the DES.
 5. The Conservation Commission scheduled a site walk for the wetlands application for the Douglas M. Isleib revocable trust to construct a perched beach at 111 Pine Circle, Gilmanton Tax Map/Lot 109/013 for July 27, 2010 at 6 pm.
- E. Complaints/Violations/Concerns: Nanci noticed on 7/17/2010 that the Loon Pond Road culvert was not finished up with mulch and seed/stabilization control. Tracy will ask for a schedule on when the road slopes will be stabilized. Warbonnet Lane also needs seed and loam per Dick.
- F. New Business: Laurie has a new email address and has provided it to the GCC.
- G. Old Business
 1. Sludge/Biosolids: The GCC will attend a Town of Gilmanton Planning Board and Conservation Commission Joint meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Academy Building at 7:00pm to discuss the use of Biosolids and Acquifer Overlay. The purpose of the work session is to begin discussing possible Zoning Ordinance amendments. The Planning Board will continue Biosolids

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discussions on September 9, 2010, when Caroline Snyder, co-chair of New Hampshire's Sludge Management Advisory Committee and member of the Sierra Club Sludge Task Force will send information pertaining to the use of biosolids. Nanci Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the July 8th for the Joint Meeting with the Planning Board and Sue seconded it, all approved. Patrick made a suggestion to invite someone from the Town of Belmont to discuss how their role played out in their process. The GCC sees a need for more information before the GCC can take any kind of a position with regards to biosolids. Is there a way to find cost share dollars for organic or non sludge fertilization methods for local farmers? Is there anything that the GCC can do to help provide alternative solutions? GCC needs to understand much more of the many aspects of biosolids before potentially voting on a position. There are still lots of questions from the GCC. Nanci will send a pdf of the current aquifer map via email to the GCC. Joe summarized potential concerns with biosolids including airborne contamination, food supply risks, ground water quality, and possible long term impact on the soil. These potential concerns will be reviewed further as the GCC researches biosolids.

2. Review of Goals: Laurie offered to assist with Goal #1. Nanci questioned how Patrick would feel about becoming a liaison with the Town forester.
3. CMCA Kiosk Update: Joe changed the kiosk to vertical, removed duct tape and enhanced the mounting of the map.
4. Trails, Trail Maps and Brochures: Erin bought maps (approved on June 8, 2010)
5. Eagle Scout Projects: N/A: GCC will wait for Erin to report any future projects.
6. Land Protection Projects
7. Monitoring –
 - a) Hurst and Zarta (July 17th): Nanci and Joe monitored Hurst and Zarta. Ruts were observed on the Zarta piece. They do not appear to be an immediate water quality concern but may be causing soil compaction. The GCC discussed different ways to approach the landowner to discuss the findings of the site visit and it was agreed to draft a letter.
 - b) Sue and Dick have monitored all of the small easements near Shellcamp and will provide a summary report to the GCC.
- H. Planning Board: Has non-compliance issues with conditional approval of the contractor's yard (TM 412/20) Bernard Lynch.
- I. Zoning Board of Adjustment: See approved 5/20/2010 minutes (granted variances to build a residence on a class I road with 113 (rather than 200 feet) of frontage.
- J. Board of Selectmen: Historic District Commission (See June 1, 2010 minutes).
- K. Correspondence/Announcements: NHACC Annual Meeting November 6, 2010.
- L. Intents to Cut: 8 new notices were reviewed.
- M. Upcoming Dates
 1. Next regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 7 pm
 2. Work Session with the Planning Board, August 12, 2010 at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Churchill, Secretary

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