



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Approved

MINUTES

January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Academy Building, 503 Province Road

Chair Tracy Tarr called the meeting order and noted that there is a quorum as all Members were present, despite the snowstorm. Members present were: Dick deSeve, Patrick Hackley and Alternate Sue Hale-de Seve and Tracy Tarr. Also present was Louise Knee, Staff support.

A. Review of December 8, 2015 Minutes

Commission reviewed the 12/8/15 Minutes and applied a few edits. Motion made by Mr. de Seve, seconded by Mr. Hackley and unanimously voted to approve the 12/8/2015 Minutes as presented and edited.

B. Conservation Easement Monitoring

1. Twigg Land Conservation Project

- Updates: Signs – Observation Platform – Management Plan Development

Mr. Hackley reported that the material was purchased for only one of the signs, the one for the Meeting House Road, and that he would like to store the material in the barn until spring when it can be installed, but the barn is locked. Discussion arose regarding the padlock and who would have a key. Motion made by Mr. de Seve, seconded by Mr. Hackley and unanimously voted to purchase a lock for the barn and submit the key to the Municipal Office. There was some discussion about the barn windows and Mr. Hackley agreed to discuss with John Dickey.

It is the goal to work with the Land Trust and have both the sign and the turnout at Frisky Hill accomplished in 2016.

2. Beaver Woods – plank replacement options

Mr. Hackley stated that he hopes to include this trail in the walk he will be scheduling with the Town Forester as Ron Klemarczyk may have some great ideas to share.

3. Inventory and schedule – review of spreadsheet

Members reviewed and discussed the draft dated March 2, 2012. Discussion arose on “Executory Interest” under the Monitor column for Route 107 Upper and Lower Fields Tract. Ms. Knee was asked to confirm the acreage of several highlighted items as well as to review prior Warrant Articles to confirm dates of acquisition.

4. “Adopt a Trail” Program?

Not addressed.

5. Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area – yearly report

Ms. Tarr reported that she walked the Cogswell Mountain Conservation land, noted the condition of the look-out onto the pond and would be filing a report.

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

1. New Applications

- Intent to Cut – 415/69 Stone Road

Reviewed. No comment/concerns.

- Wetland Permit submitted by Deborah Hinds for Nathan Philbrook’s driveway culvert at 790 Middle Route, Map 420, Lot 115-001

Reviewed. Several items were noted as missing - site locus, size of watershed, and National Heritage Report. Ms. Tarr will email DES.

2. Old Applications

No items brought forward.

D. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

1. NH Association of Conservation Commissions – 2016 dues paid

Noted.

E. Planning Board / Zoning Board applications

Members reviewed the Planning Board Agenda for 1/14/16 and expressed no concerns regarding the items on the Agenda.

F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

None noted.

G. New Business

1. 2016 Annual Report

Members reviewed the draft prepared by Chairman Tarr. It was noted that GCC was established fifty (50) years ago!

2. Potential auction properties – review – 122/068 Hemlock Drive & 130/63 Cedar Drive

Members reviewed, discussed and noted that even though not significant in themselves, there are abutting parcels also owned by the Town that collectively provide conservation value and long term value to the Town. It was noted that, individually, these lots create development pressure, as many are too small to build upon or have a septic and/or a well and are probably not worth the effort to auction. Ms. Knee was asked to check when the subdivision occurred

H. Old Business

1. Review of land evaluation ranking criteria

Ms. Tarr distributed the Land Protection Guidelines and checklist for review and discussion at the next meeting.

2. DES after the fact permit – Michael Bolduc, Helmlock Drive, Map 122 Lot 51

Noted. No concerns expressed.

I. Correspondence/Announcements

- Stoddard Conservation Commission request – bobcat season letter

Noted. No comment.

- 1/5/2016 email Abigail Gronberg of UNH re Gilmanton Wildlife Habitat and Natural Protection Review

Ms. Tarr advised that the report was done by the Regional Planning commission and that the GCC is not actively utilizing it.

J. Upcoming Dates

1. Next Regular Conservation Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00 pm
2. The GCC 3/8/16 scheduled meeting is also the date for the Town's voting session

Motion made by Mr. de Seve, seconded by Mr. Hackley and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The 1/12/2016 GCC meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Knee, Planning Administrator

Attested by: _____
Tracy Tarr, GCC