



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held  
Tuesday, 12 February 2008

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Ferenc Nagy, Eric Rowley, Dick de Seve, Brenda Sens, Erin Walsh

Absent: Lisa Robinson

- A. Harold Johnson came to the meeting to discuss a conservation easement of 18.4 acres along the shore of Crystal Lake. The property is being subdivided into four large lots. Three of them will not be able to have more than one house on them. The fourth and largest lot will be permitted subdivision. The easement area protects the Lake's shoreline and the Town's aquifer. The members of the Commission expressed their gratitude for this proposed gift.
- B. Matt Moore, David Clairmont Jr., and Carolyn Clairmont came to the meeting to show the Commission their revised plan for a wetland crossing for a road that will access the back of their property on Route 140. This new plan disturbs half the amount of wetlands as their original plan did. We looked at the map they provided and listened to their reasoning for choosing that particular location rather than the pre-existing logging road on the same property. We did not learn what they hope to do with the back area once they have an improved road to it. The Commission does not have to do anything about this until a formal wetland application is submitted. The Commission will ask the Planning Board if a Site Plan application is necessary since the use may exceed what was previously presented to the Planning Board. The Commission would like to do a site walk possibly with the Planning Board
- C. Nanci told us that the Minutes of the last meeting were posted before the date was corrected to 2008 from 2007. Dick moved to accept the Minutes from the last meeting; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- D. No decisions were made electronically.
- E. The final Financial Report for 2007 was handed out. The Commission agreed that the chair should get a cost estimate for updating the Conservation Lands Map.
- F. The Status Report is attached to the end of the Minutes.
- G. Wetland Applications:
  - a. The Rocky Pond restoration across from Allens Mills Road is now complete.
  - b. The Currier Hill Road restoration plan is now complete.
  - c. Middle Route culverts—DES will come out and take a look at them.
  - d. The Fire Department hydrants have been approved after the fact and the restoration plan has been approved.
- H. Complaints and Concerns:

- a. We have not yet had an opportunity to discuss trails with the Snowmobile Club concerning trails that go through wetlands.
  - b. Mrs. Gagnon has asked for trail maps. We would like to work with high school students and/or an Eagle Scout project to do trail maps but will discuss this at our next meeting when there is less on our agenda.
- I. New Business:
- a. Annual Meeting—we will have a table and share it with the Land Trust.
  - b. Erin attended a Land Use Clerks Conference and reported on what she learned there. The information she received will be handed over to the Town Clerk's Office.
  - c. The Commission agreed that a training session about monitoring would be a good thing to have and Nanci will approach the Hursts to see if they will let us use their easement for that purpose.
  - d. It was agreed that we will walk Don Guarino's land in the spring when the snow is gone.
  - e. We were asked if we had any projects for a group of Cub Scouts and feel that they would be able to help clean up trails and that it might be a good idea for them to build bluebird houses and set up a bluebird trail on the Allen easement across from the elementary school. The boxes would be placed on the edge of the field so as not to interfere with mowing. Wood duck boxes on the edge of the beaver pond is another idea.
  - f. The Commission will try to get quotes concerning logging with horses so that we will be able to present this information at the Town Meeting in view of the warrant article that some residents have placed on the agenda.
  - g. We discussed the possibility of establishing a Treasurer's position.
- J. Old Business:
- a. Signs for the town forests and conservation lands: Erin explained that the person who does the signs for SPNHF does not really have the time to do ours so we will obtain the needed materials and ask a volunteer to do the lettering for us.
  - b. We will continue to come up with ideas for the website.
  - c. There is nothing to report about a possible timber harvest.
  - d. The Perkins' Farm has been sold.
  - e. The new owner of one of the house lots that is part of the Messina easement has talked with Lynne about clearing and subdividing. She explained that it can not be done because of the terms of the easement.
  - f. Erin agreed to draft something about the distinction between conservation and preservation of land.
- K. Planning Board: They will discuss the Benson Site Plan Application for a contractor's yard on NH Route 140. We will recommend that the wetlands be delineated by a professional.
- L. ZBA: nothing to report.
- M. Board of Selectmen: we have been reminded to get IDs from the town office.
- N. Correspondence--nothing to report.
- O. Intents to Cut—nothing to report.
- P. Upcoming Dates;
- a. Commission meetings for 2008 are posted on the website.
  - b. Class VI Roads meeting will be on Wednesday, 20 February, at 7 p.m.
  - c. The Planning Board meeting on 14 February has been canceled.

- d. Belknap Range Conservation Coalition meets Thursday, 21 February, 7 p.m. in Alton.
- e. Town Elections take place on Tuesday, 11 March.
- f. Town Meeting is on Saturday, 15 March.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Status Report for February 12, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

- 1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. Permit denied. Reconsideration requested. More information requested by DES.
- 2. Gilmanton Fire Dept., Duane Landowner, after-the-fact application for dry hydrant replacement. Permit approved. Restoration plan submitted to DES.
- 3. NHDES Dam Bureau and Sawyer Lake Village District, reconstruct the outlet works for the dam. Permit approved. Amendment request pending.
- 4. Linda Hamilton, Stony Point (Rocky Pond), Shoreland Variance Waiver. More information requested by DES.
- 5. SPNHF, Durrell Mountain Road. Forestry Notification complete.
- 6. Brunelle, Hemlock Drive, reconstruct field stone wall. Under technical review by DES.
- 7. Doyle, Loon Pond Road. Forestry Notification complete.
- 8. Welch, Whispering Pines. Seasonal dock. Notification complete.
- 9. Darbyshire, NH Route 140, driveway crossing. Under technical review by DES.

B. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – Nothing new at this time.