



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Academy Building, Gilmanton

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

Absent: Lisa Robinson, Erin Hollingsworth, Joe Derrick

Nanci appointed Sue to vote for Erin and Laurie to vote for the vacant position. Laurie volunteered to take minutes.

Miscellaneous: Brenda Sens retired from the GCC. She was present and recognized for the work she had contributed for the last ten years as a volunteer and secretary for the GCC. After opening gifts, a card, and discussion surrounding appreciation for all that she did during her tenure, Brenda departed from the meeting.

Paula Gilman met with those present to discuss the proposed Conservation Easement on her land on Stage Road. A decision needed to be made regarding the parking and event area, whether it needed to be surveyed. Paula described two different zones, one to include the "parking and event area". She stated that the areas would not be surveyed, but would be described by the stone walls that exist on her property. She has a front field that is app. 190 feet by 85 feet. She explained that it was her intent to complete the CE this year, and that she would like to ensure that the land be used only for certified organic uses. Dick made a motion to proceed with the project to put an easement on the Gilman property with the parking and event area outlined by stone walls, angles and distances from stone walls subject to advice by Town Counsel or LGC. Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Handouts of zoning ordinance revisions were provided to GCC members.

- A. Minutes: Upon minor corrections (changing the date to March 10, 2010 instead of February 13, 2010, and correcting a name from Boulia-Garrell to Boulia-Gorrell) Sue moved to accept the minutes of March 10, 2010; Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Sue moved to accept the minutes of March 27, 2010; Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Financial Report
 1. Since the last GCC meeting, the GCC spent \$60 for Nanci to attend the Saving Special Places conference. The poster cost \$94.50. The costs to print the maps of the Town Forests for the Town meeting were \$26.25. GCC has spent \$501.84 YTD.
 2. Laminating Conservation Lands Map: Nanci updated this in 2010. Dick moved to spend \$30 to laminate it. The cost to do this in 2009 was \$24.20. Tracy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- C. Status Report: There were some additions to the Status Report. Please see the updated report which is appended to the end of these minutes.
- D. Wetland/Shoreland Applications:

1. DES has requested additional information for the PBN's that we signed for the Fire Department for dry hydrants. They need to provide a sketch with dimensions for the location of each hydrant and they need to apply for a Shoreland Permit for any hydrants on a Great Pond.

2. The Fire Department has submitted two new PBN applications for dry hydrants. Neither has a sketch plan with dimensions for the location of the hydrant relative to the water body. It was the consensus of the Commission not to sign these applications until they were complete.

E. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

1. Gannon residence on Varney Rd. Bob Flanders told him to do an after the fact application. It hasn't been submitted. An abutter called. She won't give written permission to have impacts within 20 feet of boundary.

2. Brenda Sens mentioned that there had been ditching along Parsonage Hill Road near Smith Meetinghouse and excavation in the field west of the road.

F. New Business

1. Membership Changes

There are currently 2 vacancies for regular positions. Possibly Joe or Laurie, who are both currently alternates, may be interested in filling them. Elections for chair, vice-chair and secretary are in May.

2. Process for Permit-by-Notification Wetland Applications. The Commission has had difficulty acting on these applications in a timely manner due to the restrictions in the law. Nanci spoke with Carol Andrews, director for NH Association of Conservation Commissions. There is no easy answer. One possibility is to meet twice a month, another is to set up a special process for these applications. The Commission did not decide on a method different from the current procedure.

3. Right-to-Know Law Issues

- a) Save notes until minutes are approved.
- b) Town counsel- discuss with landowner which section of right-to-know law applies or if a non-public session is necessary.
- c) Paper Trail – once it is filed at Town Hall it is part of public record, but that doesn't mean it is discloseable. However, there is always risk of disclosure.

4. Sludge/Biosolids

- a) Boziak- this permit has been renewed.
- b) Downs- new application- DES hearing May 25.
- c) Belmont and Barnstead ban it- it increases costs to pump septic systems.
- d) Ban must be passed at Town meeting
- e) Does the GCC want to take a position at hearing? We will discuss at next meeting on May 11th.

5. Saving Special Places

- a) Nanci stated that the conference was excellent; the workshops were all very good.

6. Review of Goals - Time did not permit this.

G. Old Business

1. Monitoring

- a. Lamprey Hill - Planned for May 1, 2010 at 9 am.
 - b. Zarta; date TBD
 - c. Hurst; date TBD
2. Mill Rd. date for walk. It was determined that the Commission, although dedicated to this effort, has too many other projects at the current time.
 3. Review of Woodland Exam Reports: There were no comments on the woodland exam reports for the Ella Stroud Memorial Forest and the Nelson Brook Town Forest.
 4. Kiosk for CMCA Update – Joe was not present for this.
 5. Signs – Pine Hill – Two signs are needed but only one is made. It was decided to install the sign that is made while an ATV is available to get the sign and cement to the site. The second sign will be installed after it is made.
 6. Trail Maps and Brochures
 - a. Very few CMCA maps were left after Town Meeting. These maps will be updated to include some of the trails on the Frank Allen Property which is a part of the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area.
 - b. Date to walk Frank Allen property and GPS trails – April 24 at 1:00pm or April 25 in the a.m. are possibilities. No one expressed interest in either date.
 3. Eagle Scout Projects - Nothing new to report.
 4. Educational Articles - Wait for Lisa to return.
 5. Land Protection Projects
 - a. Christie: Received draft warranty deeds, also scans of baseline, CE's, all electronically- BOS would like to meet with her on 4/26. She is looking for ideas for a name for the two parcels. Maybe Pond and Woods Reserve or perhaps use the name of a favorite plant? The Commission decided that it was not necessary for Nancy to meet with the Commission again.
 - b. Bartlett: Work on this will be done before Gilman.
 - c. Gilman: Discussed above.
- G. Planning Board
- a. Draft March meetings said they needed the CC to designate Prime Wetlands before a wetlands or aquifer ordinance could be drafted. Nanci expressed her objections to the chair.
 - b. They are considering finding a template for subdivision regulations and doing them over.
- H. Zoning Board of Adjustment – Pearl- Middle Route- They are looking to GCC for a recommendation and possible language. The Commission recommended no further development, but not a formal easement. Nanci will send a letter to the ZBA to that effect.
- I. Board of Selectmen – Kristie Owen – fundraiser- let people dig saplings that would be bulldozed anyway for the new Police/Fire Station site. The BOS does not want this to allow this due to liability, parking etc.... They suggested maybe Town Forests. Nanci said no.
- J. Correspondence/Announcements: Nanci gave out postcards to LRPC Annual Meeting on 6/28/2010. Sue moved that GCC contribute \$50 (was \$100) to the nongame and endangered wildlife fund. Tracy seconded and all voted in favor.

K. Intents to Cut – Nothing new

L. Upcoming Dates

1. Next regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7 pm
2. Review goals next meeting
3. April 26- 7:00 p.m. meet with BOS w/ Nancy Christie at the Academy.
4. May 25- 7:00 p.m.- DES hearing on spreading of sludge at the Academy.
5. November Meeting- moved to Wednesday, November 10 but general election is 11/2- move meeting back to Tuesday, November 9.
6. September meeting- September 14th is the primary – when should GCC meet?

Motion made to adjourn by Dick seconded by Sue and approved. Meeting ended at 9:08 pm.

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Status Report for April 13, 2010 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Turchi, Heath Dr., DES File #2009-01283, Seasonal Dock Notification. Under technical review by DES.
2. Town, Donovan Road, DES File #2009-01926, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace stone culvert with 24"x40' plastic N12 culvert with headwalls. More information requested by DES.
3. Comeiro, Stage Road, DES File # 2009-02578, Minimum Impact Expedited Application for 60" culvert for lot access and snowmobile trail. More information requested by DES.
4. Town, Rollins Pond, DES File # 2009-02866, Emergency Authorization to replace dry hydrant. More information requested by DES.
5. Garczynski, Sargent Road, DES File #2009-02882, Standard Dredge and Fill Application for after-the-fact culvert installation. More information requested by DES.
6. Shufelt, Sawtooth Road, DES File #2010-00274, Forestry Notification. Administratively incomplete.
7. Griffin, Hemlock Drive, DES File #2010-00634, Seasonal Dock Notification complete.
8. Potter, Potter Road, DES File #2010-00731, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
9. Stearns, Meetinghouse Road (Varney Brook), DES File #2010-00732, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
10. Wood, Crystal Lake Road, DES File #2010-00733, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
11. Henry, Halls Hill Road, DES File #2010-00734, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
12. Daniel Webster Council, off of Manning Lake Road, DES File #2010-00739, repair and replace in-kind an existing logging bridge. Under technical review by DES.
13. Whispering Pines, Varney Road, DES File #2010-00743, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
14. Kennedy, Hemlock Drive, DES File #2010-00767, Shoreland Application to repair two concrete walls. Under technical review by DES.
15. Gardner Cove, DES File #2010-00784. Seasonal Dock Notification complete.