



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Academy Building, Gilmanton

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

Absent: Lisa Robinson

Laurie volunteered to take minutes.

Miscellaneous: Patrick Hackley was present at this meeting. Patrick is a new, unsworn member of the GCC.

A. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-

1. Bylaws state that everyone can vote, including officers. Voting can be by ballot as well.
2. Nanci Mitchell's term on the Conservation Commission is up in 2011. Nanci plans on retiring from the Commission at that time. Nanci stated that it may be best if someone "learns the ropes" while she is here. She can answer questions and help during this transition. Nanci will continue with land protection and monitoring.
3. Dick moved to nominate Tracy as the next Chair. Sue seconded and all voted in favor.
4. Laurie moved to nominate Dick as Vice Chair. Erin seconded, and all voted in favor.
5. Erin moved to nominate Laurie as acting Secretary, Tracy seconded it and all voted in favor. At the next meeting the bylaws may be changed to have a position of Secretary filled by an alternate position.

B. Minutes: Dick moved and Erin seconded that the minutes from April 13, 2010 be approved as printed. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Financial Report

1. GCC spent \$551.84 YTD.
2. Conservation Fund – No statements since January. Nanci has asked the bank to send them.
3. Nanci asked who would like to attend either a GIS or GPS course. There was a question as to how much should the GCC reimburse for any of these courses. Tracy is interested in the GIS course and Joe & Erin are interested in attending the GPS/Google Earth course. Courses on 6/3 are in Laconia and courses on 6/23 are in Concord. GCC members would register for the course, and then get reimbursed a portion of the expense through the GCC. Nanci moved to spend \$120 for a total of 3 GPS classes, along with spending a total of \$150.00 towards the cost of the GIS class. Dick seconded, and all voted in favor.
4. The amount of money that GCC is in receipt of from the most recent Current Land Use Tax Warrant is \$6997.00 (This is 53% of the total Tax).

D. Status Report:

1. There were some additions to the Status Report. Please see the updated report which is appended to the end of these minutes.

E. Wetland/Shoreland Applications:

1. The last two most recent PBN's submitted by the Fire Department for dry hydrants were sent to DES without the Commission's signature so that the Fire Department could begin work sooner than waiting for the Commission to meet.
2. Gannon on Varney Rd submitted a PBN for an after-the- fact. Nanci explained to him that he could not use a PBN for that purpose. Gannon will resubmit a standard Dredge and Fill. Nanci told him it might not be permitable by DES. GCC will need to look at the site after the application is received. Gannon got a permit from the road agent for a second driveway on 141 feet of frontage.
3. Gilmanton Snowmobile Association- There is a snowmobile bridge over the Suncook River in the Iron Works that the GSA wants to repair to make it wider and safer. They do not need a wetlands permit or a Shoreland permit as long as there is no excavating, no work in the bank or the river bed or in a wetland. This work will begin this summer.

F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

1. Heidi McCullough residence on Allens Mill Rd. was extensively clear cut about two years ago. She is requesting that someone tell her what the total value of what was logged and how much damage was done. GCC does not fill this capacity.
2. It was suggested that Dick create a procedure regarding how to treat a complaint once it is received by the GCC.
3. There is a request from a Girl Scout leader in Nashua for information regarding trails in Belknap Range. Nanci sent her a copy of the trail map made by Dave Roberts that is available at the Year-Round Library.
3. Rague- tree removal and excavation within CSPA. Don Guarino is checking on what he is doing and will speak with the Code Enforcement officer. He is within 250 feet of Crystal Lake therefore the Shoreline Protection Act applies. DES has been there previously.

G. New Business

1. Sludge/Biosolids- Jim Downs from the Warburton Farm applied to DES for a permit to spread Class B biosolids and short paper fiber on his land on Beauty Hill Rd. There is a DES hearing on 5/25 to discuss the application. Erin will attend. She can make a statement that GCC can work with selectmen to discuss a general policy. GCC did not know about any other sludge applications, therefore GCC should not highlight this situation without having additional information to base an opinion or position on. There may be some long term studies now. There is an aquifer on part of the land. GCC could request that it not be spread on top of the aquifer. DES may have a fact sheet on sludge and biosolids on their website to refer to. Belmont has banned sludge and biosolids in their community. Nanci learned from DES that Bosiak and Dan Sanborn already have permits.
2. Signs- Pine Hill Town Forest installation is on Saturday 5/15 at 5:00p.m. or Sunday at 10:00 a.m. if it raining on Saturday.
3. Meeting Dates- Nanci suggested that the 4th Tuesday of every month could hold the GCC meetings going forward. Perhaps the Town could support the GCC in the way of posting the minutes. June 8th will be the next meeting, but every 4th Tuesday will work going forward.
4. Review of Goals - Time did not permit this.

H. Old Business

1. Membership Changes- Patrick Hackley volunteered his time to become a regular GCC member. There is a vacancy for one regular member and one alternate.
2. Monitoring

- a. Lamprey Hill – Sarah Thorne and Nanci monitored Lamprey Hill. The property looks good. Boundaries are marked. The monitoring report and a map showing the GPS tracks have been completed. Several vernal pools were spotted, along with salamander eggs. The GPS worked well. The question is where to house it. The consensus was that it should be housed in the Academy Building.
- b. Zarta- Must do this year. Joe can lead a walk in on July 17. Patrick can accompany him. This will begin at 9:00a.m.
- c. Hurst- Joe and Patrick will monitor this at the same time as Zarta
- 3. CMCA Kiosk Update- Joe is making progress but is a little behind schedule. Joe will make more progress in the near future due to his schedule.
- 4. Trail Maps and Brochures- Erin has two more editions/second drafts of the maps of Thompson & Cogswell Mountains. Erin added the Frank Allen trail to the East Summit. She has more information on the maps now, like phone numbers and distances for example. Erin can send a PDF of the maps to GCC, but would like any changes by Friday.
- 5. Eagle Scout Projects- Erin & Nanci met with Cody Hook. The trail had been flagged in green which was hard to see so it was re-flagged in pink. They GPS'd it. It has a lot of painted trilliums. It has to be done by his 18th birthday.
- 6. Land Protection Projects-
 - a. Christie- Deeds okayed by Town Counsel. Nanci has reviewed metes and bounds. Nanci moved and Erin seconded that the Gilmanton Conservation Commission approve the language of the Warranty Deeds for a gift of land under the provisions of NH RSA 36-A:4, for approximately 13.71 acres of land situated on the north side of NH Rte 140 as depicted on a plan entitled, “ Subdivision Plan, Tax Lot #1119, Route 140, Gilmanton, N.H., Owner of Record Walter H. & Ruth M. Steenstra”, dated December 11, 1980; and for approximately 19.97 acres of land situated off the southerly side of NH Rte 140 as depicted on a plan entitled “Boundary Survey Plan of Land of Nancy E. Christie”, dated October 3, 2006. Both parcels are subject to Conservation Easements held by Five Rivers Conservation Trust. All voted in favor. There is an upcoming meeting with the BOS on June 7 at 6:00p.m. so that the selectmen can accept the land. Dick deSeve will attend.
 - b. Gilman- Town Counsel is okay with defining the event and parking areas with compass bearings and distances from stone walls.
 - c. Bartlett- working on it
 - d. Milne/Zanchuk- Letter from 5RCT regarding possibilities for land on Shellcamp.

I. Planning Board

- 1. Pearl- There is controversy over a lot off of Middle Route over the ZBA decision to change the boundary because it is in the conservation district.
- 2. Ordinances- Groundwater Reserves Conference handouts with model Groundwater Protection Area revised.
- 3. Project Wet & Get Wet (Groundwater Education through Water Evaluation and Testing) are two different educational programs. Project Wet has been in NH for a number of years. Get Wet deals more with groundwater and the Planning Administrator would like to see it introduced in the school here.

J. Zoning Board of Adjustment

- 1. Variance: Shofelt – Sawtooth Rd 113 feet of frontage – 200 feet is required. Want to build SFR.

K. Board of Selectmen – Meeting on June 7 regarding Christie gift of land.

L. Correspondence/Announcements
NH Municipal Conservation Fund Guidebook

M. Intents to Cut
30 acre lot on Currier Hill Rd
45 acres between the State Forest and Lamprey Hill Forest
Durrell Mountain Rd

N. Upcoming Dates
1. DES Hearing on Sludge, May 25, 2010, Academy Building
2. Next regular Conservation Commission meeting, Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn by Dick' seconded by Sue and approved. Meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for May 11, 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 received by DES.
6. Shufelt, Sawtooth Road, DES File #2010-00274, Forestry Notification. Notification complete.
7. Potter, Potter Road, DES File #2010-00731, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. More information requested by DES.
8. Stearns, Meetinghouse Road (Varney Brook), DES File #2010-00732, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. More information requested by DES.
9. Wood, Crystal Lake Road, DES File #2010-00733, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. More information requested by DES.
10. Henry, Halls Hill Road, DES File #2010-00734, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. More information requested by DES.
11. Daniel Webster Council, off of Manning Lake Road, DES File #2010-00739, repair and replace in-kind an existing logging bridge. Permit approved.
12. Whispering Pines, Varney Road, DES File #2010-00743, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. More information requested by DES.
13. Kennedy, Hemlock Drive, DES File #2010-00767, Shoreland Application to repair two concrete walls. Under technical review by DES.
14. Daniel Webster Council, Manning Lake Road, DES File #2010-00878, Shoreland Application for a dry hydrant installation. Permit approved.
15. Wood, Crystal Lake Road, DES File #2010-00879, Shoreland Application for a dry hydrant installation. Permit approved.
16. Whispering Pines Association, Varney Road, DES File #2010-00880, Shoreland Application to repair a fire hydrant. Permit approved.

17. Daniel Webster Council, Manning Lake Road, DES File #2010-00976, Permit-by-Notification for a dry hydrant installation. Under technical review by DES.
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