



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held Tuesday,  
9 January 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Lisa Robinson, Eric Rowley

- A. Minutes: Dick moved to accept the Minutes of 11 December 2007. Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: We agreed that the revised Brunelle Wetland Application should be signed.
- C. Financial Report: The end-of-the-year report was handed out. \$36,615.11 in land use change tax was added to the land conservation fund and we now have more than \$100,000. We do not yet have all the expenses for the Danny Webster conservation easement project. The deeds were recorded but not everything was filled in so that had to be done and the deeds recorded again. The Conservation Commission will not be responsible for paying for this added expense. The title search for the Paul Stroud gift of land cost \$195.00 and will be paid for from the Conservation Fund. The budget for 2008 was updated and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting.
- D. Status Report: the Report appears at the end of the Minutes. The Zanchuck application was approved October 27, 2007 and the Wetland Bureau's Permit Query has been corrected to reflect this decision. The Gilmanton Fire Department has submitted a restoration plan for the area around the recently installed dry hydrant on Nighthawk Hollow Brook.
- E. Wetland Applications: Please see above under B. Electronic Votes.
- F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns The Snowmobile Club is upset because a new owner has closed one of the trails. This was done because the trail goes through a wetland and the new owner works for DES and felt he had to do it. Nanci will contact Paul Osborne, the President of the Snowmobile Club to discuss this situation, and arrange a time to walk the trail. Dick will check with DES to see if there are any regulations regarding snowmobiles and wetlands.
- G. New Business:
  - a. We discussed what to include in the Annual Report. Nanci will write a draft and the Commission will finalize it by e-mail.
  - b. The Commission reviewed and revised the list of pending topics.
  - c. We will discuss the review of Conservation Commission tasks at the next meeting.

- d. We will try to get a grant to cover the cost of mailing shoreland protection information out to the relevant landowners.
  - e. The Town Clerk's office plans to revive the Town's website. Nanci was asked to be responsible for the Commission's page but would like other people to help with the content. A newsletter could be a part of the page.
  - f. The Commission had a brief discussion regarding the meaning and use of the terms conservation and preservation. This needs more discussion and might be a good topic for our page on the Town's website.
- H. Old Business:
- a. Thompson Town Forest Timber Harvest: Nanci spoke with Ron Klemarczyk, part-time forester, and learned that at this time everyone is booked for the winter. He said he would talk with the Selectmen about the need to get permission of the landowners involved about getting water to drain away from Gale Road.
  - b. The next meeting of the Class VI Roads Committee will be on Wednesday, 16 January.
  - c. Brenda agreed to write notes to Paul Stroud and Dan Webster thanking them and will send them the pictures that were taken at the Board of Selectmen meetings when they presented the Town with their gifts. We will investigate getting signs done for both conservation areas. Ferenc will check with Boziak about the possibility of a donation of lumber. Erin will check with SPNHF about their sign standards.
- I. Planning Board:
- a. Bellush is talking about a subdivision of 46 acres on Crystal Lake. There are 1600 feet on the lake that are undeveloped. The proposal is for four lots and approval of DES is needed. They will call us after they meet with the Planning Board to discuss the possibility of a conservation easement on the shorefront.
  - b. Zoning Ordinance Change to Article VII. The proposed change in wording should make it clear that a waiver from DES may be required. If people are allowed to do things without checking the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act (CSPA) they could be in a great deal of trouble.
- J. Zoning Board of Adjustment:
- K. Board of Selectmen: We will present our budget at the next meeting
- L. Correspondence/Announcements
- a. DES and the Forest Service are presenting a number of workshops. Nanci attended one on evaluating and selecting conservation land.
- M. Intents to Cut
- a. The intents to cut for the year have been printed out.
  - b. The cutting being done by the Doyles on Loon Pond Road seems to be crossing Loon Pond Brook.
- N. Upcoming Dates:
- a. BOS, Monday, 14 January, 7:30 p.m.
  - b. Class VI Roads, Wednesday, 16 January, 7:00 p.m.
  - c. Planning Board, Thursday, 17 January, 7:00 p.m.
  - d. Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, Thursday, 17 January, 7:00 p.m. in Alton
  - e. Budget Committee, Thursday, 24 January, Old Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
  - f. Conservation Commission, Tuesday, 12 February, 7:00 p.m.

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Status Report for January 9, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. Permit denied. Reconsideration requested.
2. Clairmont, NH Route 140, access road for construction vehicles. Permit denied. Reconsideration denied by DES.
3. Gilmanton Fire Dept., Duane Landowner, after-the-fact application for dry hydrant replacement. Permit approved. Restoration plan submitted to DES.
4. Rague, Crystal Lake Road, upgrade 15" x 40' culvert with a 36" x 60' culvert. Permit denied.
5. NHDES Dam Bureau and Sawyer Lake Village District, reconstruct the outlet works for the dam. Permit approved.
6. Zanchuk, Meadow Pond Road, Trail Notification (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association). Under technical review by DES.
7. Linda Hamilton, Stony Point (Rocky Pond), Shoreland Variance Waiver. More information requested by DES.
8. Nutter, NH Route 140, installation of a dry hydrant in a man-made pond. Permit by Notification is complete.
9. Peterson, Sawyer Lake Road. Forestry Notification is complete.

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