



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Held
Tuesday, 14 October 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Lisa Robinson, Brenda Sens,

Absent: Ferenc Nagy, Dick de Seve

Guest: Randy Sanborn, Meadow Pond Road

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Dick and Lisa to vote for Ferenc.

- A. Minutes: Brenda moved to approve the Minutes of 10 September; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: We did not have any.
- C. Financial Report: \$73.35 was spent on printer paper and an ink cartridge. The Town received \$15,430 from Current Use Change Tax and about \$4,180 of that will go into the conservation fund.
- D. Status Report: There are no changes.
- E. Wetland Applications: The proposed bridge on the Hamilton property seemed acceptable on the site walk. We did not have the Army Corps of Engineers check list that is now required at the time of the walk but it arrived today along with a new plan which was looked at. Brenda moved that we sign the approval. Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns:
 - a. Messina: The monitoring walk took place on 23 September. The tree removal was done outside the conservation easement area. The pig pen is on the very edge of the easement and an abutter has filled in nearly to the easement and wetland.
 - b. Meadow Pond Road: Dick was to follow up with DES. We will have to wait until the next meeting when he is present.
 - c. Old Town Road: Paul Osborne did not know that the trail notification was incomplete. He has spoken with Vanessa Burns at DES and will get the necessary letter from the Natural Heritage Bureau.
 - d. Carol Moulten was concerned about whether or not she could cut her junipers. They are 180 feet from Sawyer Lake so there is no problem.
 - e. Don Womack on Dow Road will restore the pasture.
- G. New Business:
 - a. The Bellush Conservation Easement: The four lot subdivision has been approved. Their attorney revised the Conservation Easement to allow one dock 6 x 40 feet. We will run the changes by Tom Howe.

- b. We need to monitor the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area and would like to start from Lou Lane and go up Cogswell Mountain and end at the library. We need to decide on a date. Rifle season ends on 7 December and archery on 15 December. Nanci will look into a good time to do this. The work day on Cogswell will be Friday, 17 October at 4:30 p.m.
 - c. Antioch Practicum: Sue reported that they have new funds available so we may be able to hire a student to do some work for us after all.
 - d. Osborne would like to take down some trees in the town forest because they are interfering with the view. We have mixed views about allowing tree cutting in the town's forest for the sake of a view. It was decided to let the Selectmen make a decision without a recommendation from the Commission.
 - e. Recycling: Gilmanton recycles a very low percentage of its trash and we are not sure what can be done about it. If the financial advantage of recycling is stressed we may be able to educate people to do more.
- H. Old Business:
- a. The Messina Conservation Easement has been monitored and the form filled out.
 - b. The work that required temporary access across conservation land has been completed.
 - c. Land Protection Efforts:
 - i. Possible gift of land on Shellcamp—the review of the deed and title insurance has been done.
 - ii. Valley Shores – nothing to report as yet.
 - iii. The Perkins Farm Conservation Easement/Cogswell Mountain will be transferred from the Gilmanton Land Trust to the Town.
 - iv. The baseline of the Rague/Goulet Conservation Easement is now a year old.
- I. Planning Board: no agenda as yet because the meeting was held last week.
- J. ZBA: nothing for us on the agenda
- K. BOS: we are not on the agenda for the 20th.
- L. Nanci reported on recent correspondence.
- M. Recent intents to cut were reviewed.
- N. Upcoming Dates:
- a. Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, Thursday, 16 ~~October~~ October, 7 p.m. in Alton
 - b. Gilmanton Land Trust Annual Meeting, Saturday, 25 October, 1:30 p.m. at Jones Farm
 - c. Next regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, 11 November, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Academy

Paula moved that the meeting adjourn; Sue seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

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Status Report for October 14, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Town, Loon Pond Road, Standard Dredge and Fill, culvert replacement. More information requested by DES.
3. Lakeridge Manor Association, Ridgewood Drive, Permit by Notification, beach replenishment. PBN is complete.
4. Argue, Crystal Lake Road, Shoreland Application, Raze existing house and rebuild on concrete foundation, Permit approved by DES.
5. Rubino, Bacon Way, Shoreland Application, Construct additional square footage to existing garage. Permit approved by DES.
6. Hoitt/Weston (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association), Trail Notification. Determined to be administratively incomplete by DES.
7. Hamilton, Middle Route, bridge to access house site. Conservation Commission awaiting completion of application before signing.