



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting January 11, 2012

Member Attendance: Tracy Tarr, Chair; Dick de Seve, Vice-chair; Joe Derrick, Member; Patrick Hackley, Member; Erin Hollingsworth, Member; Sue Hale-de Seve, Alternate; Desiree Tumas, Administrator.

Public Attendance: Tom Howe

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

A. Non-public session per RSA 91-A:3.II.d if required

7:11 PM: *Vice-chair de Seve moved to enter Nonpublic Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) – “Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community”, Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion carried with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote of all attending Members.*

Commission Members discussed the status and next steps moving forward for the proposed purchase of four properties for conservation purposes.

9:02 PM: *Vice-chair de Seve moved to come out of Non-public Session, Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with a 4-0 favorable roll call vote.*

Minutes of the Non-public were sealed by a unanimous roll call vote at the conclusion of the Non-public discussions.

B. Review of December 13, 2011 Minutes

Vice-chair de Seve moved to approve the December 13, 2011, Minutes of the Meeting as amended, Member Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

C. Update on Land Protection Projects

1. Bartlett Easement

The Bartlett Easement was finalized in December and recorded at the BCRD on December 22, 2011.

2. Handicap Accessibility on Trails

Vice-chair de Seve provided additional information via email.

3. Possible trails on Hattie Smith or the Smithers property, community service project

Discussions were continued until further information is available.

4. Update on Conservation/Education Outreach

No new information is available and discussions were continued until further information is available.

5. Review of Conservation Easement goals and objectives

Chair Tarr will create a PowerPoint presentation and E. Hollingsworth will provide a completed checklist for review.

6. Review of Ongoing Easement Monitoring

Commission Members will take discussions up at the February 14, 2012, meeting

D. Thompson Town Forest

1. Trail Maintenance

Members briefly discussed without conclusion the liability issue with regard to removal of the felled tree.

2. Walk with Town Forester

Due to scheduling conflicts between the Town Forester and Matt Tarr, the walk has not taken place. Further information will be available once the walk has been completed.

E. Update on Suncook River Nomination Committee

Chair Tarr will be attending the meeting with the Suncook River Nomination Committee and provide information at the February 14, 2012, meeting.

F. 2012 Conservation Commission Budget

There was no new information available pertaining to the budget.

G. 2011 Summary of Conservation Commission Activities

Chair Tarr will update the Annual Report Summary due on January 20, 2012.

H. Review of Invoices/Costs

- 1. Desiree Tumas – (\$25.00) Reimbursement of the LCHIP Fee paid when the Bartlett CE was recorded.**

Member Derrick moved to approve the reimbursement payment to Desiree Tumas for \$25.00, Vice-chair de Seve seconded the motion as stated; the motion unanimously.

- 2. BCRD – (261.60) Invoice for recording the Bartlett CE**

Member Derrick moved to approve the invoice payment to the BCRD for \$261.60, Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

I. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent to Cut Applications
1. New Applications

- a. Wetland Applications** – No new applications.
- b. Shoreland Applications** – No new applications.
- c. Intent-to-Cut applications**
 - 1. (406-48) Daniel Webster Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America.
 - 2. (415-32 & 33) Charles A. Price Trust
 - 3. (116-12) Deborah A. Lysogorski, etal
 - 4. (424-55) Paula Gilman

Members had no comment pertaining to the Intent to Cut Applications.

d. Forestry Notifications
1. Complete Forestry Notification

Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America – NH DES Notice was sufficient to start work. No further discussion was taken up.

2. Old Applications

There were no old applications to discuss.

J. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

D. Tumas explained that Ms. McBride of Crystal Lake Road provided photographs of materials and debris dumped behind an abutting property. Ms. McBride was told that the NH DES has jurisdiction over the wetlands and with the property in foreclosure, there was not much that could be done; as the foreclosing bank told her.

It was suggested that Ms. McBride submit a formal a complaint to NH DES and include the photographs she submitted to the Commission.

Ms. McBride also provided a photograph of another abutting property which depicts a new shed that was recently constructed without a building permit. Ms. McBrides concern is that the new shed encroaches in the Town Wetland Setback.

The information and photograph were forwarded to the Code Enforcement Office who is looking into the complaint.

K. Review of Invoices/Costs

1. NHACC Dues

The Commission tabled discussions until the February 14, 2012, meeting.

L. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications

(414-5) Ralph Lavin–(Firewood Processing Operation) Mr. Lavin is seeking a Board determination of the significance of a proposed change to his approved site plan for an additional storage area of “green wood” on the paved area to the right of the salon. The emergency access required by the fire department will be maintained.

If it is determined on the record that the proposed change is insignificant, there will be no further action required. If the PB determines on the record that the proposed change is significant, application for an amended site plan review would be required.

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M. Steep Slopes and Ridgeline Ordinance

Members reviewed and discussed the proposed language for the Steep Slopes and Ridgeline Ordinance.

All attending Members were in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Planning Board Members would like Members of the Commission to attend the public hearing and provide comment.

Following brief discussions, Chair Tarr entertained a motion to support adoption of the proposed Steep Slopes and Ridgeline Ordinance.

Vice-chair de Seve moved to support the proposed ordinance and provide written comment to the PB, Member Derrick seconded the motion as started; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tarr will compose comment from the Commission.

N. New Business

There were no new business items discussed.

O. Old Business

There were no old business items discussed.

P. Correspondence/Announcements

There were no correspondence/announcements discussed.

Q. Upcoming Dates

- 1. Suncook River Nomination Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:30 pm, Epsom Town Library**
- 2. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 7:00 pm**

Provided for information purposes only.

R. Adjournment

Vice-chair de Seve moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm, Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas
Administrator