



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting April 10, 2012

Attending Members: 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.

Attending Public: There were no members of the public in attendance.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

A. Review of March 14, 2012 Minutes

D. de Seve moved to approve the March 14, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting as amended, P. Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with 4-favorable and 1-abstained vote by E. Hollingsworth who did not attend the March 14, 2012, meeting.

B. 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

- **Richard Price (415-45)** 1202 NH Route 140 – Following review and brief discussion, Members had no concerns regarding the Intent to Cut.

d. **Forestry Notifications** – No new applications.

C. Update on Land Protection Projects – No new information available at the time of the meeting.

D. Land Stewardship and Management

1. Smithers Town Forest

T. Tarr, Nanci Mitchell and Paul Osborne will be scheduling time to walk the Smithers Town Forest. Other Commission Members are welcome to attend. If a quorum is expected, T. Tarr will contact D. Tumas to make proper Agenda Notice and to take minutes during the walk.

It was noted that E. Hollingsworth and N. Mitchell had placed an identifying sign at the “snowmobile trail” egress to the Smithers Town Forest. Additional research is needed to ascertain if there is another gated egress point that could be used.

2. Thompson Town Forest

P. Hackley reported the following:

- Off-site drainage issues were in the process of being addressed
- Base estimate for the value of the timber will be forthcoming
- Estimate of services for the Forester will be forthcoming

It was noted during discussions that Tim Warren had suggested using the County Forester. It was determined that according to State Statue the County Forester is permitted to assist individual property owner(s), but is not able to assist Municipalities with marking timber.

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P. Hackley will provide additional information as it becomes available. Having nothing further, discussions were concluded.

3. Update on Conservation/Education Outreach

Members discussed the need to prioritize which trails and trail maps to update, in addition to adequately marking trails.

4. Review of Ongoing Easement Monitoring

- T. Tarr to monitor the Pine Circle parcels
- T. Tarr to monitor the Suncook River parcels
- Members to monitor the Meetinghouse parcel
- E. Hollingsworth to monitor the Thompson Town Forest

There was brief discussion regarding the Ward Peterson easement on 404-4 and the deed restrictions imposed by the ZBA on the abutting 404-9 parcel. It was questioned if deeds had been recorded reflecting the deed restrictions on 404-9.

D. Tumas was requested to research the property to ascertain the status of the recording.

Having nothing further, discussions were concluded.

E. Update on Suncook River Nomination Committee

Commission Members expressed disappointment regarding the BOS withdrawal of support for the Suncook River Nomination. The GCC would like to entertain conducting a public information forum meeting at a later time to educate and receive feedback from the residents.

It was noted that a similar resistance and negative response was received when it was proposed that other rivers in the state be nominated the same way as the Suncook River and rather than withdraw from the process greater public participation resulted.

E. Hollingsworth would like to attend the meeting on April 18, 2012, as a resident of Gilmanton and not as representative of the GCC.

Members saw no reason that would prohibit E. Hollingsworth from attending. However, should the opportunity to speak arise it should be made clear that attendance is as a resident of Gilmanton and not representing the Commission or the Town of Gilmanton.

Members will revisit the matter at a later time.

F. Recycling Initiatives – Correspondence with Lori Baldwin

Commission Members would like to continue to pursue the Recycling Initiatives with Lori Baldwin.

It was suggested the Commission add discussions with L. Baldwin at the May 8th meeting and to contact Nate Abbott seeking support to move forward with the Recycling Initiatives.

G. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

- **Nongame & Endangered Wildlife – Donation: Guardian @ \$50.00**

D. de Seve moved to approve the expenditure of \$50.00, to support Nongame & Endangered Wildlife at the Guardian Level, J. Derrick seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with a 5-0 favorable vote.

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H. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications – No new applications
I. Zoning District Regulations – Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions

D. Tumas reminded the Commission that the PB would continue discussions pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance, Table of Uses and adding permitted uses in Gilmanton. Email sent on Monday requested active participation from the ZBA and GCC. The public is encouraged to attend and according to the State Statutes, there will be a public hearing in the fall before placement on the Ballot as a Zoning Amendment.

T. Tarr noted she had attended a previous meeting and suggested adding:

- Carwash
- Laundromat
- Water Withdrawal

Updates as they become available will be provided.

J. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – No Complaints/Violations/Concerns came before the Commission.

K. New Business – No New Business came before the Commission.

L. Old Business – No Old Business came before the Commission.

M. Correspondence/Announcements

- **“State of the Loon” with Harry Vogel, Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee.** S. Hale-de Seve provided information pertaining to a public forum that will be held at the Gilmanton Year Round Library, on Saturday, June 23, 2012, beginning at 4:30 pm. Discussions will cover learning the natural history, challenges and successes of Loons in NH.

N. Upcoming Dates

The following dates are provided for informational purposes only. There were no discussions taken up.

- 1. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 7:00 pm**
- 2. Saving Special Places Conference, April 14, 2012, Weare, NH, 8:00 am – 3:45 pm**
- 3. Suncook River Public Informational Meeting, April 18, 2012, 6:30-8:00 pm, Epsom Central School, 282 Black Hall Road, Epsom, NH**
- 4. Biology and Conservation of Loons, Presentation by Harry Vogel in June, more information to follow**

T. Tarr called for further business to come before the Commission, hearing none; entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm.

D. de Seve moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm, P. Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion carried with a 5-0 favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas
Administrator