



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting June 12, 2012

Attending Members Tracy Tarr, Chair; Dick de Seve, Vice-chair; Patrick Hackley, Member; Erin Hollingsworth, Member; Absent from the meeting were Joe Derrick, Member and Sue Hale-de Seve, Alternate. Desiree Tumas, Administrator

Attending Public (As signed in) Barbara E. Swanson, Lew Henry, Johnna McKenna, and Lori Baldwin.

A. Discussion of Possible Recycling Initiatives with Lori Baldwin, Lew Henry, and Barbara Swanson

T. Tarr welcomed attending members of the public to discuss continuing possible recycling initiatives.

Members of the attending public made it clear that they were in attendance as concerned citizens and the formal Recycling Committee was disbanded following the 2012 Town Meeting and Elections.

It was explained, over the past few years, the Recycling Committee attempted to bring residents around to recycling by conducting surveys, discussions at two town meetings, articles that have been published in the newspapers, conducting open meetings, through the support of other organizations, several public PR events & education tables at various Town functions, as well as the use of the economics of recycling and after 18 months of efforts, the most recent Recycling Committee was disbanded.

The various means of recycling were explored and mandatory was most favorable in conjunction with pay as you throw.

The survey conducted solicited only 163 replies and despite the financial savings to taxpayers as well as reducing operation costs of the recycling center, traction for the effort could not be gained. Savings comparisons were also made with other towns and people could not comprehend the monetary savings. It is believed that there are ideological differences among the residents that are a challenge to the effort.

The Commission went on to discuss the use of bags and that at the onset of the program there is a higher usage of bags until people pull all the recyclables. Additionally discussed was when people compost in conjunction with recycling, it reduces the throw-away trash even more.

It was noted that people do not have to compost at home since it can also be dropped at the recycling center.

Commission Members feel strongly that a presentation needs to be concise yet brief with the aspect of tax dollar savings as the focal point. All agreed a FAQ specific to Gilmanton would also be helpful to convey the message.

The need for BOS support for the effort was discussed.

The school is actively supporting recycling initiatives with programs and activities to engage the children was discussed, without conclusion.

In wrapping up discussion, it was concluded that if the initiative is to move forward; a presentation to the BOS would be the likely first step. Everyone in attendance would like to discuss the matter further at the July meeting.

It was noted that the July 10, 2012, meeting agenda may not permit lengthy discussions but that the Commission does want to move forward with the recycling initiative.

T. Tarr thanked those in attendance for the hard work thus far, stating that the Commission looks forward to assisting in the effort.

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Taking the Agenda out of order, the Commission went on to discussed, Land Stewardship and Management

- **Thompson Town Forest**

Commission Members discussed and reviewed the Timber Cut Contract. T. Tarr entertained a motion to forward the timber contract to the BOS for approval.

D. de Seve moved to accept the Thompson Town Forest, Timber Cut Contract and forward the contract to the BOS for approval, E. Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with a 4-0 favorable vote.

B. Review of May 8, 2012 Minutes

E. Hollingsworth moved to approve the May 8, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting as amended, P. Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with a 4-0

Member D. de Seve stated he would have to excuse himself from the meeting.

T. Tarr explained that with D. de Seve departing the meeting they would no longer have a quorum and deferred the remaining items on the agenda until the July 10, 2012, Meeting and entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

C. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent to Cut/Forestry Notifications Applications

1. New Applications
2. Old Applications

D. Land Protection Projects

1. Twigg Land Conservation Project
2. Landowner request for GCC Review of Lots as Possible Conservation land (Tax Map 130, Lots 27 and 28)

E. Land Stewardship and Management

1. Thompson Town Forest
2. Update on Conservation/Education Outreach
3. Review of Ongoing Easement Monitoring

F. Suncook River Nomination

G. NHTOA Legislative Updates

H. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

I. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications

J. Zoning District Regulations – Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions

K. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

1. Resident Complaint re: Shoreland Impact Permit 2012-06011534, Hemlock Drive

L. New Business

M. Old Business

N. Correspondence/Announcements

O. Upcoming Dates

1. State of the Loon, Presentation by Harry Vogel, Saturday, June 23, 2012, 4:30 pm, Gilmanton Year Round Library, Gilmanton IW
2. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 7:00 pm

P. Adjourn

E. Hollingsworth moved to continue the unfinished business until July 10, 2012, and adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, T. Tarr seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed with a favorable 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas