



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting April 12, 2011

At the conclusion of the nonpublic session, the regular meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm

Members Present: Tracy Tarr, Chair; Dick de Seve, Vice-chair; Erin Hollingsworth, Member; Patrick Hackley, Member; Joe Derrick, Alternate Member seated in the vacant seat; Sue Hale-de Seve, Alternate Member seated in the vacant seat; Desiree Tumas, Administrator.

Public Attendance: There were no members of the public present during the regular meeting session.

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

(7:09 pm) Vice-chair de Seve moved to enter Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3.(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 passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Members of the Gilmanton Land Trust and the Commission discussed several potential parcels that would be suitable for preservation.

(8:15 pm) Member Hollingsworth moved to come Out of Non-Public Session; Member Hackley seconded the motion as stated, the motion passed unanimously 6-0 roll call vote.

Commission Members made a motion and the motion was seconded to seal the nonpublic minutes of the meeting, the motion to seal the nonpublic minutes passed with a 6-0 roll call vote in favor of sealing the April 12, 2011, nonpublic minutes of the meeting. Members will revisit the sealed status of the Nonpublic Minutes once the potential land purchase is either made or abandoned.

B. Review of March 9, 2011 Minutes

Following review of the March 9, 2011, draft Minutes of the meeting, Chair Tarr entertained a motion to approve the Minutes.

Member Hackley moved to approve the March 9, 2011, Minutes of the Meeting as submitted, Vice-chair de Seve seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

C. Update on Land Stewardship

1. Beaver Woods Nature Reserve – Planning

Commission Members have not been able to walk the property due to weather and site conditions. Further update will be provided once conditions allow for a site walk.

Member Derrick excused himself from the meeting at: 8:20 pm.

2. Town Forest – Planning

Member Hackley along with State Foresters will view the site and evaluate the harvest potential. Additional information will be available following the evaluation and will contact Town Foresters as needed.

D. Update on Land Protection Projects

1. Proposed Bartlett Conservation Easement Update

The property owners are working with their financial institution. There is no additional information at this time.

2. Proposed Gilman Conservation Easements Update

The property owners are working with their financial institution. There is no additional information at this time.

3. Purchase of ½ Interest of Tax Map 110, Lot 15, Pine Circle – Update

There is no additional information at this time.

E. Preliminary Discussion of Possible Land Protection Selection Criteria

Member Hollingsworth has collected several model criteria lists and will review the material and create a draft criteria checklist for the Commission's review.

F. Membership and Outreach

During Town Meeting, two residents expressed an interest in joining the commission, Chair Tarr will follow-up.

G. Meeting Schedule

Due to varying schedules, Commission Members briefly discussed rescheduling the July 12, 2011. Members will revisit the matter at the May 10, 2011, regular meeting.

H. Wetland/Shoreland Applications

Linda White, 412-22 - file: #2011-00570: Complete Notification was issued on March 23, 2011.

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I. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

1. Brian Watson, Tax Map/Lot 402/1, re: Timber harvest

The site is currently being evaluated for violations. There is no additional information available at this time.

2. Michael Doane, Tax Map/Lot 119-48, re: DES site inspection

There was no additional information regarding the beach violations at this time.

J. Review of Invoices/Costs

Nongame & Endangered Wildlife, Guardian Level donation in the amount of \$50.00.

Vice-chair de Seve moved to approve the Guardian Level donation in the amount of \$50.00, Member Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

K. Discussion of 2011 Expenses to Date and Expense Tracking Procedure

Commission Members reviewed the current expenditures to date. There was no further discussion.

L. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications

Ralph Lavin, (414-5) Site Plan Review Application seeks approval to operate a firewood processing operation. Based on the Applicants statements, Mrs. Tumas reported to the Commission there were no wetlands or wet areas on the proposed property.

The PB has scheduled a site walk of the property prior to the public hearing scheduled April 14, 2011. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

The PB and ZBA will conduct a Joint Public Hearing on April 21, 2011, for a proposed 120' telecommunication tower on Copp Road. Update will be provided as it becomes available. The Commission Chair recommends delineation of the wetlands.

M. New Business

Sampson (131-13) - Commission Members were provided a copy of a ZBA Application for routing purposes. There were no comments provided regarding the proposed construction of a deck and shed.

N. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

O. Correspondence/Announcements

There was no new Correspondence or Announcements to discuss

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P. Upcoming Dates

1. **2nd Countywide Input Session (Mapping for Land Conservation), Monday April 18th, 6:30 pm**

Chair Tarr and Member Hollingsworth plan to attend the Countrywide Input Session. There is no fee for participation.

2. **Next regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7 pm**

Provided for information purposes only, there were no discussions.

3. **Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop, Multiple dates including Saturday, June 11, 2011, 9:15-3:15 pm, Local Government Center, Concord**

Provided for information purposes only, there were no discussions.

Chair Tarr called for further business to come before the Commission, hearing none; entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Hollingsworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM, Member Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas
Administrator