



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting October 9, 2012

Member Attendance: T. 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: No public attended

Called to Order @ 7:06 pm

A. Discussion of Possible Recycling Initiatives

Recycling Initiatives are a work in progress. The Commission is in the process of updating the FAQ for review at a later meeting.

Additional FAQ will be based on the questions asked during the 2012 Town Meeting.

B. Review of September 11, 2012 Minutes

D. de Seve moved to approve the September 11, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting as amended, E. Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed 5 in favor and 1 abstained vote by P. Hackley who did not attend.

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

1. New Applications

Members of the Commission reviewed the following applications:

Completed Forestry Notification	(411-27)	Christopher Hottel
Intent to Cut	(415-21)	Amanda M & Ashleigh Mix
Intent to Cut	(101-7)	Karen Peabody
Intent to Cut	(406-16)	Spaulding Investment Trust

2. Old Applications

No Old Applications were discussed

D. Land Protection Projects

1. Twigg Land Conservation Project

The Commission discussed the recent fundraiser held by Doug Towle. There was no other information available at this time.

The Commission discussed the confusion regarding a timber cut that concluded with the clarification of the property owner through the Assessing Department that there was not going to be a timber cut on the property.

Emails and phone calls were documented and no further information is expected.

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

T. Tarr will write a draft letter to the property owner for Commission approval.

3. Landowner request for GCC Review of Lots as Possible Conservation Land (Tax Map 405, Lots 57, 66, and/or 67)

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**E. Land Stewardship and Management
1. Thompson Town Forest**

P. Hackley explained the tree marking was done.

The following estimate was provided:

- 102,000 bd.ft. and an estimated 20 cords of firewood and 500 tons of chips

The sawlog breakdown is as follows:

- White Pine 75,000 bd.ft.
- White Pine (grad #4) 18,000 bd.ft.
- Hemlock 1,000 bd.ft.
- Red Oak 5,000 bd.ft.
- Red Maple 1,000 bd.ft.
- White Ash 1,000 bd.ft.
- White Birch 1,000 bd.ft.
- Hardwood Pallet 1,000 bd.ft.

Due to topwood utilization, firewood and chip estimates will probably change.

Based on current prices and after deducting roadwork, parking area costs and forestry, it is estimated that the Town will net around \$9,400.00.

R. Klemarczyk will contact Dig Safe about installing the culvert. It was noted that a call to Dig Safe was made when a ditch was dug into an abutting woodlot, just above the Donovan Road intersection.

A very small infestation of Bittersweet and Japanese Barberry was noted along the upper hiking trail past the cellar hold. It is believed that the infestation can be eradicated by pulling out the plants, but it should be done before the logging starts.

Due to the timing of the bloom, the Commission does not believe it would be a good idea to disturb the growth, if the potential to spread the seeds is evident.

It was also noted that there was a lot of "blowdown" on the hiking trail. R. Klemarczyk plans to clear the trail while inspecting the harvest.

Bid letters will be forthcoming and a meeting with the BOS will be the next step in the approval process.

Commission Members went on to review the "Letter of Abutter Concurrence". Following discussions, the Commission agreed to move forward and have the letter signed.

T. Tarr called for further discussion. Hearing none; discussions were concluded.

2. Bingham Farm

Clarification of where hunting is guaranteed was requested by the current property owner.

Based on the easement document the Commission came to the consensus that the trail corridors labeled "A" and "B" **do not** have guaranteed hunting access. Corridor "C" and the easement area itself **do** have a guarantee of hunting.

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With regard to permissible access; the public does have guaranteed access rights to Corridors “A” and “B” as described in Section 2, paragraph I of the easement document.

It was noted that the property owner posted, “No Trespassing” signs along the trail. With the granted access guarantee, it is recommended that the property owner replace the “No Trespassing” signs with “No Hunting” signs along the Corridors labeled “A” and “B”.

It is also recommended that the Commission send a copy of the easement language to property owners Steve and Tracy Lamoine and invite them to the November meeting to discuss replacing the signs.

D. Tumas explained that when the Bingham Farm Easement document was recorded, the corresponding plan recording information was not added to the document prior to recording.

A Scrivener’s Error Affidavit was recorded with the correct information noted.

T. Tarr called for further discussion. Hearing none; discussions were concluded.

3. Update on Conservation/Education Outreach

No discussions were taken up.

4. Update on Trail Map Development

The Commission discussed mapping of the Bingham trails and connecting the GPS data with the Ayers and Foss mapping information.

5. Review of Ongoing Easement Monitoring

T. Tarr will be sending out the monitor lists.

F. Crystal Lake Water Quality Concerns – Selectmen Request for GCC Review

Commission Members discussed the letter to the BOS regarding the use of sand/salt along Crystal Lake Road.

It was additionally noted that Lakeshore could also be considered for reduced salt use as well.

Members also discussed cutting vegetation between the roadway and the lake. All agreed that the state shoreland regulations dictate what can and cannot be cut.

Commission Members would like to invite Road Agent, Paul Perkins to the November meeting to discuss possible solutions. It was noted that grant funding might be available, if costs are incurred.

T. Tarr called for further discussions. Hearing none; discussions were concluded.

G. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

• Belknap Range Conservation Coalition – Membership

J. Derrick moved to approve payment of \$40.00, for the yearly membership to the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, E. Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

• Loon Preservation Committee – Membership

J. Derrick moved to approve payment of \$50.00 for the yearly membership to the Loon Preservation Committee, D. de Seve seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

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H. SB2 Process

No discussions were taken up.

I. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications

The PB will review the following applications at the November meeting.

- 415-46 and 415-47 BLA – 1.265 acre equal land swap
- 415-45 and 47 BLA – 5.013 acres from 415-45 to 415-47
- 415-47 Minor Subdivision – a single 5.01 acre parcel created

- 405-10 Minor Subdivision – 2 -5.00 acre parcels created

Commission Members had no issues with the proposed.

J. Zoning District Regulations – Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions

No discussions were taken up.

K. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

No discussions were taken up.

L. New Business

No discussions were taken up.

M. Old Business

1. August 14, 2012 Minutes

D. de Seve moved to approve the August 14, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting as amended, S. Hale-de Seve seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed 4 in favor and 2 abstained votes by J. Derrick and E. Hollingsworth who did not attend.

N. Correspondence/Announcements

- **NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting**

Commission Members will not be available the weekend of the event.

O. Upcoming Dates

- 1. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 7:00 pm**

Informational purposes only.

2. Planning Board Open Forum Work Session, October 16, 2012

D. Tumas reminded the Commission Members that the PB was conducting a work session to discuss possible zoning amendments. Up for discussion is the reduction of the septic setback to the 75' state setback and amending the sign ordinance.

Following brief discussions, the consensus of the Board was that there was no issue with the proposed reduction.

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D. de Seve moved the GCC has no issue with the proposed reduction of the septic setback to comply with the State DES requirement, P. Hackley seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

P. Adjourn

D. de Seve moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm, J. Derrick seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas