



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting September 11, 2012

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

Public Attendance: No public attended.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

A. Discussion of Possible Recycling Initiatives – No new information.

B. Review of August 14, 2012 Minutes

D. de Seve moved to continue approval of the August 14, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting until the October 9, 2012, regular meeting, E. Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. New Applications

Attending Members reviewed the following applications:

Intent to Cut:

406-48 D.W. Council, Inc Places Mill Road

Requested P. Hackley to verify with the Town Forester, the location of the proposed cut is not located in the easement area.

411-27 & 28 Christopher Hottel Copp Road
423-55 David Ladd Griffin Road
116-12 Deborah Lysogorski River Road

Shoreland

110-68 Barry Masterman Shoreland Impact Permit 2012-01904
34 Terrell Way Approval w/ Conditions

Wetland Routine Roadway and Railway Manintenance Activities Notification Culvert Replacement Projects

- Lou Lane - Replace existing 24” dia x 40” cmp with 36” dia x 50’cpp Culvert.
- Sargent Road – Replace 15” dia x 30’ RCP with 18” dia x 40 CPP Culvert.

Old Applications

DES Administrative Order:

113-13 Paul and Gail Arshen DES File #2010-02098
94 Crystal Lake Road Immediate Cease and Desist

D. Land Protection Projects

1. Twigg Land Conservation Project – Website Update

Members discussed adding a link to the Town Webpage to connect to the information about the project. Following discussions, T. Tarr entertained a motion to add the information link to the Con Com Town Webpage.

D. de Seve moved to add the project information link to the Con Com Town Webpage, E. Hollingsworth seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Landowner request for GCC Review of Lots as Possible Conservation land (Tax Map 130, Lots 27 and 28) – No new information was available.

3. Landowner request for GCC Review of Lots as Possible Conservation Land (Tax Map 405, Lots 57, 66, and/or 67) – No new information was available.

E. Land Stewardship and Management

1. Thompson Town Forest

The Town Forester has returned from fighting fires out west and it is expected that efforts will move forward on the timber harvest.

2. Bingham Farm 419-52 & 53

Following brief discussions, it remained undetermined what if any hunting is guaranteed from the trail on the Bingham Farm Easement.

D. Tumas will seek an opinion regarding the ambiguity of the easement language from NH LGC.

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

3. Update on Conservation/Education Outreach

The Middle School Students have been and continue to work on Geocaching for signs of habitation.

4. Update on Trail Map Development

E. Hollingsworth will be making copies of the trail maps. Approval to expend the funds has been previously approved by motion.

5. Review of Ongoing Easement Monitoring

Members agree to take up discussions on the status of the 2012 Monitoring at the October meeting.

6. Beaver Woods Preserve

Members discussed the need to cut the field at the Beaver Woods Preserve. Concluded that the field could be cut every other year and decide not to cut this season.

Members believe the cost is \$100.00, for the seasonal cut and request confirmation regarding the cost of the cut.

Having nothing further, discussions were concluded.

F. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

1. Norton Anti Virus

T. Tarr explained that the Norton Anti-virus for the laptop has expired. Emails from Norton offer renewal at a cost of \$69.99.

J. Derrick moved to authorize renewal of the Norton Anti-virus for the Con Com laptop, in the amount of \$69.99, to be paid from the Computer Maintenance Account: 01-4611-431-01, D. de Seve seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Conservation Commission 2013 Proposed Budget

Members discussed the Fall Conservation Conferences in November and expect that the Training line item of the budget will be expended, as it has in the past.

E. Hollingsworth will be replenishing the trail maps and the expenses to do so will be reimbursed.

T. Tarr suggests moving \$900.00 from the Forestry Line to the Salary line to cover administrative costs.

Following discussions, T. Tarr entertained a motion to approve the amended budget as discussed.

D. de Seve moved to approve the proposed budget, requesting \$900.00 to be moved from, Other Prof-Forester, transferring the funds to the Salaries line; the motion passed unamiously.

G. Planning Board/Zoning Board applications

414-78 & 79 Province Road Boundary Line Adjustment

H. Zoning District Regulations – Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions

The Planning Board will be scheduling a work session to discuss possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. More info will be forthcoming.

I. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

1. Resident complaint re: drainage on her property (Tax Map 420, Lot 97)

Visual inspection, of the site was conducted by Con-Com Members, D. de Seve and S. Hale-de Seve. The inspection concluded that the property was dry with no noted ponding a fairly good distance onto the property.

According to the 07/30/12, BOS Minutes of the Meeting, which state, the road agent confirmed that the Town was not responsible for drainage issues on the property. Repair supplies were provided to assist the resident. Since R. Hatch, BOS/Chair talked with Ms. Place, she (Ms. Place) has posted “No Trespassing” signs on the property.

Having nothing further, discussions were concluded.

2. Resident complaint re: 160 Hemlock Drive (Tax Map 119/134)

The original complaint was filed by a neighbor’s attorney. To date, there has been no response from DES

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3. Wetlands Bureau File Complaint #2012-02022

DES received a complaint of possible violations on the Price property relative to an active forestry operation and DES conducted a site inspection on July 16, 2012. While DES finds no evidence of violations of RSA 482-A, the Wetland statute, to date, DES has no wetlands permit on file for the existing wetlands crossing.

DES has requested submission of the required permit application provided with the notice of complaint.

J. New Business

D. Tumas explained a resident questioned the selling of items on the corner of South Road and NH Route 106.

The subject area of the property is a 300 foot easement that goes from NH Rte 106 to the Kimball Brook. It is unclear to what depth the easement extends parallel with the Kimball Brook and NH 106.

Members discussed placing a sign on the property that clearly indicates the property is protected. D. Tumas will get sign quotes for the next meeting.

Following brief discussion, T. Tarr entertained a motion to request D. Tumas look into action to enforce the easement, J. Derrick seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

Update will be provided at the October 9, 2012, regular meeting.

K. Old Business -

L. Correspondence/Announcements

M. Upcoming Dates

- 1. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 9, 2012,
7:00 pm**

N. Adjournment

D. de Seve moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, S. Hale-de Seve seconded the motion as stated; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Tumas