



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Held Tuesday, 13 October 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Lisa Robinson, Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve

Absent: Joe Derrick, Tracy Tarr

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Tracy

Dick and Sue won the opportunity to walk up to 100 acres of land with forester Ron Klemarczyk and gave the gift certification to the Conservation Commission, an act that is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Jess Day had hoped to attend the meeting but was unable to do so. She is concerned about possible violations at Sawyer Lake. The question is who should file the complaint if one needs to be filed. One of the properties in question is on Brook Ave. and is bank owned. Nanci thought that we should let Bob Flanders, the Code Enforcer, take a look at it because of the junk dumped there and he could file the complaint with the Wetlands Bureau if necessary. The other two properties are on Hemlock Drive and it was suggested that Jessica get the Sawyer Lake Village District to file the complaints as that might carry more weight. One situation involves removal of vegetation for a beach and the other excavation in a steep bank possibly for a retaining wall. The landowner could file an application with DES for the retaining wall..

Andy Hook came in to discuss his application to put sand on the first beach at Shellcamp Lake. Nanci explained the process: the application must be given to the Town Clerk for approval and then submitted. Paula moved to approve the application. Erin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

- A. Minutes: Paula moved to accept the Minutes of 8 September as corrected; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Financial Report:: We spent \$87.50 from the Conservation Trust Fund for consulting with Walter Mitchell concerning the Christie parcel. Ron Klemarczyk was paid \$327.50 for the purchase of paint and blazing the boundaries of the Pine Hill Town Forest.
- C. Status Report: The report is attached at the end of the Minutes.
- D. Wetland/Shoreland Applications
 - a. Fire Department Dry Hydrants—These five Permit-by-Notification applications were sent to DES without the Commission's signature.
- E. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
 - a. The letter to Spaulding was discussed. He cleared land on Shellcamp and put in a dock. He is now getting a permit after the fact and needs to prepare a new sketch and plantings. DES is on top of the problem.
- F. New Business:

- a. According to the agreement signed with GYRLA, parking space for the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Easement is available. Nanci will e-mail Stan Bean about parking signs for the Library.
 - b. Permission from the Allens and the Ambeleses has been obtained for the geocache and there is nothing in the conservation easement to prohibit this activity.
 - c. A letter to the Pine Hill Forest abutters needs to be drafted as some trees within the forest were cut down.
- G. Old Business:
- a. The right-to-know law will be discussed when everyone is present
 - b. A building permit has to be obtained for a kiosk at Cogswell Mountain
 - c. Junk has been removed from the Stroud Memorial Forest. Anyone who drives by there is asked to take a look and make sure that everything is as it should be.
 - d. Carolyn Baldwin is monitoring the Christie land on Thursday and anyone who is able to accompany her should do so.
 - e. Eagle Scout Project: Cody Hook is still interested in doing the trails but was told that doing a kiosk as well would probably be too much.
 - f. The Pine Hill Forest sign will be installed on November 8th. We will contact Paul Osborne to see where he thinks the sign for the Smithers Town Forest should go and perhaps he will help with putting it up.
 - g. A work day for the Thompson Town Forest has been set for Saturday, 17 October with Sunday, the 18th as the rain date.
 - h. Ideas for Educational Articles:
 - 1. Landscaping with native plants
 - 2. History of Conservation Lands
 - 3. Ground water ordinance
 - 4. Dark Skies
 - i. Land Protection Efforts:
 - 1. Cogswell/Perkins transfer to Town—the survey is done and we are waiting for the Land Trust to take the next step.
 - 2. Christie—no information from Walter Mitchell as yet.
- H. Planning Board:
- a. Natural Resources Audit: Nanci will let Desiree Tumas, the new Planning Clerk, know about it.
 - b. Groundwater Ordinance: The Planning Board will discuss this at its next meeting.
 - c. Aquifer Overlay Ordinance: There are many models available and this is something the Planning Board should do.
- I. Zoning Board of Adjustment: No agenda is available.
- J. Board of Selectmen
- a. Revised Draft of the Class VI Roads Policy: All references to Natural Resources have been eliminated by Walter Mitchell's office because the BOS does not have the authority to take them into consideration.
- K. Intents to Cut: John Peterson is logging two lots on Sargent Road
- L. Correspondence: Information about the Watershed Conference, GIS training, and Lakes Region Planning Commission meeting was received.
- M. Future Dates:
- a. Thompson Town Forest Work Day, October 17, 9:00 a.m.
 - b. Gilmanton Land Trust Annual Meeting, October 17, 1:00 p.m.

- c. Walk of Christie land, Thursday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.
- d. Next regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for October 13, 2009 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, DES File # 2006-02011, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Hoitt/Weston (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association), DES File #2008-01767, Trail Notification. Determined to be administratively incomplete by DES.
3. Turchi, Heath Dr., DES File #2009-01283, Seasonal Dock Notification. Under technical review by DES.
4. Clairmont, 46 NH Rte 140, DES File #2009-01570, Standard Dredge and Fill Application to impact 5392 sq. ft. of wetlands to realign and widen an existing driveway. More information requested by DES.
5. Town, Stage Road. DES File #2009-01795, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace in-kind a 32' long squash culvert. Permit approved.
6. Bellevance, Wildwood Lane, DES File #2009-01899, Shoreland Permit Application, install new septic. Permit approved.
7. Town, Donovan Road, DES File #2009-01926, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace stone culvert with 24"x40' plastic N12 culvert with headwalls. More information requested by DES.
8. Spaulding, Lakeshore Drive, DES #2009-02081, Dock Notification. Notification complete.
9. Dawson, Stage Road, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02309, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. Under technical review by DES.
10. Shellcamp Lake Association, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02310, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. Under technical review by DES.
11. Plourde, Rocky Pond, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02311, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. Under technical review by DES.
12. Sawyer Lake Village District, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02312, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. Under technical review by DES.
13. Shellcamp Lake Association, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02313, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. Under technical review by DES.