



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held  
Tuesday, 11 November 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Eric Rowley

- A. Minutes of 14 October: Dick moved to accept the Minutes; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: We agreed that we needed to look and see if it would be permissible to put a dock on the Bellush easement.
- C. Financial Report:
  - a. The expenses to date were handed out. There will be some additional expenses for the Daniel Webster celebration.
  - b. We discussed the purchase of the publication, Conservation Options for New Hampshire Landowners. They are \$4.00 a copy if we order a minimum of 10 copies. Brenda moved that we order 10 copies; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
  - c. We decided to make more copies of the maps we handed out at Town Meeting to have at Town Hall for people to take.
  - d. DES and the Office of Energy have announced plans to put together a book called Innovative Land Use Techniques which will cost \$20.00 a copy. The Commission discussed buying two copies and presenting one to the Planning Board Paula moved that we purchase two copies; Erin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
  - e. The draft budget was handed out and the Commission members approved it.
- D. Status Report: This report is attached to the Minutes.
- E. Wetland Applications: None have been received.
- F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
  - a. Meadow Pond Road—Kate Surowiec, Certified Wetland Scientist, had delineated the wetlands on the subdivision application that was denied by the Planning Board. Dick will discuss with DES.
  - b. Dock on Crystal Lake on Town land—it is still in the lake.
  - c. Gardner Cove Consultation—they want to fill in a low spot on the road and wondered whether it was a wetland. The wetland ends at the road so they were advised that they could fill in the spot. It was suggested that water bars be placed to keep run-off from accumulating in the low area.
- G. New Business:
  - a. Possible warrant articles were discussed and it was decided that the GCC would do one to ask the Town to keep the swamp on Hall's Hill as conservation land. It was also decided not to do any warrant articles concerning SB381 this year.

- b. Right to Know Law: As all Commission deliberations should be open we are not to deliberate matters via e-mail. This means that we will not be able to discuss wetland applications electronically. As we often have less than 30 days to make a decision, it was decided that we might have to meet twice a month in order to be able to discuss such applications. In addition, Ferenc moved that we automatically intervene in all such applications so that we will have an opportunity to discuss them. Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- c. Mapping—GRANIT Conservation Lands Update:
  - i. We have twelve parcels that are not mapped, two that have changed and eighteen that have additional fact data sheets that now need corrections. Small lots around the lakes have not been added.
  - ii. We need to come up with a name for the Town-owned Arlington lot on Bingham Road. We decided on Samuel Gilman Corner.
  - iii. We are going to wait until after the hearing on 11/24 to update our Conservation lands map because the names of some roads are going to change for 911 purposes.
  - iv. The Wildlife Action Plan maps are going to be updated this winter.
  - v. The tax maps of 1 April 2008 have just arrived but we do not yet have the digital version on CDs.
- d. The BOS asked us to fill out a Survey they received from North Country Resource Conservation and Development. Ferenc agreed to do it.
- e. The Commission agreed to send a letter to the Belknap County Commissioners regarding budget cuts to “outside agencies”, including Cooperative Extension and the Belknap County Conservation District.

#### H. Old Business:

- a. Dick and Sue will look at the temporary path at Diane Nyren’s home.
- b. Gilmanton Land Crew—do we still need help with the Cogswell Mountain Trail? It is too wet right now to do any work with the tractor so everything is on hold at this time.
- c. Land Protection Efforts:
  - i. Nanci spoke with Bellush’s Attorney Nadeau on 10/30 but has not heard back from her yet but we are still agreed that we need to make sure there is a location for a dock that won’t have a negative impact on the Easement. We agreed that Nanci should call her back now.
  - ii. The transfer of the McDonough lot has been completed and should be recorded. Brenda will send a thank you note.
  - iii. Smith property on Valley Shores—the title is not perfect. We will take up this property with the Board of Selectmen.
  - iv. We received three estimates for surveying the Perkins area. This will be discussed with the Gilmanton Land Trust to see if they will split the cost and if they agree on the surveyor.
  - v. The GCC will try to arrange the conservation easement monitoring of the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area for the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.
- d. Thank you notes will be sent to everyone who helped with the Daniel Webster Celebration. Carolyn Baldwin offered to write an article for the Suncook Valley Sun.
- e. Thompson Town Forest: Ron Klemarczk is showing the area to loggers including two who work with horses.

- f. The Belknap Range Conservation Coalition:
  - i. It has been incorporated.
  - ii. Nanci distributed a brochure they produced.
  - iii. They are working on by-laws.
  - iv. Mapping has been accomplished
  - v. Two informational programs have been held.
  - vi. It is proving to be a valuable exchange of information about land protection possibilities.
  - vii. They are looking into doing a conservation plan for the range.
- I. Planning Board:
  - a. DeForest is on the agenda for Thursday, 13 November.
  - b. Osborne and a proposed boundary line adjustment is on the agenda. It seems straightforward.
- J. ZBA: No agenda is available.
- K. Board of Selectmen
  - a. Osborne was given permission to cut four trees in the Smither's Town Forest.
  - b. At their meeting on 17 November we will discuss warrant articles, the budget, Smith, O'Shea, Thompson and Perkins.
- L. Correspondence: Nanci announced what has been received.
- M. No new intents to cut
- N. Future Dates:
  - a. Planning Board, Thursday, 13 November 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy
  - b. Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, Thursday, 20 November, 7:00 p.m. in Alton
  - c. DeForest Site Walk, Saturday, 22 November, 2008, 9 a.m.
  - d. Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, 9 December 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Status Report for November 11, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Town, Loon Pond Road, Standard Dredge and Fill, culvert replacement. More information requested by DES.
3. Hoitt/Weston (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association), Trail Notification. Determined to be administratively incomplete by DES.
4. Hamilton, Middle Route, bridge to access house site. PBN is complete.