



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission held  
Tuesday, 8 December 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve, Tracy Tarr

Absent: Joe Derrick, Lisa Robinson

Guests: Brett and Brenda Currier, Fire Chief Lockwood

Nanci asked Sue to vote as a regular member.

A. Chief Lockwood: Chief Lockwood came to the meeting to discuss the definition of a fire pond. He has investigated how other towns have handled this question and learned that the definition is very loosely worded everywhere, merely stating that the pond has to be of adequate size. It is left to the Fire Chief of each community to decide whether or not a pond qualifies as a fire pond. Chief Lockwood also reported that he has been in contact with Karl Berardi of North Country Resources, Conservation, and Development with a view to using low impact water sources. This company is going to assist Gilmanton with using dry hydrants at 10% of what it would cost to hire an engineering firm to do the same work. Putting in dry hydrants is done by measuring the water table and moisture retention capabilities of the soil. A hole is then dug away from the water, strainers are placed inside the hole and the whole thing is covered with riprap. It ends up looking like an ordinary fire hydrant but it doesn't affect the water level when used. Another method is to use manhole hydrants, another low impact method. We are, of course, very pleased that the Town is going with these new methods.

Brett and Brenda Currier came in to discuss their wetland application for a driveway on the lot we looked at on a site walk last weekend. Everything was in order. Tracy moved that we sign the application. Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

- B. Minutes of November 10, 2009: Erin moved to accept the Minutes; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Nanci informed us that the Minutes of the next meeting have to include what corrections were made.
- C. Financial Report: Our share of the purchase of a GPS is \$138.71 and the maps were downloaded free. All bills for 2009 are due by 17 December. Des, the Planning Board Clerk will assist the Conservation Commission next year.
- D. Status Report (attached at the end of the Minutes):
  - a. The additional information needed for Donovan Road has been received.
  - b. Barton's forestry notification on Province Road is under technical review.
  - c. The Town received an emergency notification from DES to fix the hydrant on Rollins Pond.
- E. Wetland/Shoreland Applications

- a. Nothing new is known about Comeiro's culvert work on Stage Road.
  - b. The Curriers wetland application has been dealt with above.
  - c. Garczynski's Standard Dredge and Fill after the fact for a culvert replacement was looked at last weekend and we see no reason to intervene.
  - d. Paul Osborne has not yet heard from the School District about a new bridge over the Suncook River. If they approve the idea he will apply for a grant.
  - e. Ron Klemarczyk, Forester for Hidden Valley Scout Camp, will be replacing a bridge in Hidden Valley on the Stage Road where it crosses West Brook.
- F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
- a. McKenna/O'Hare have brought up problems with a culvert on the property again. The water is spreading out and going under her neighbor's shed. She learned from someone from DES that anything that is done requires a permit so someone from DES is coming out to look at it.
- G. New Business
- a. The Rocky Pond Association would like \$2,000 from the Town for Milfoil treatment. We decided there is no reason for us to provide any input.
  - b. The BCCD has announced a meeting for December 11 to discuss Town priorities. We have dealt with this question before and decided to send them the summary from our Natural Resources Inventory.
- H. Old Business
- a. Joe's idea of a discussion group by e-mail violates the Right-to-Know Law.
  - b. From now on Minute and agendas for the Board of Selectmen will only be forwarded to the Conservation Commission if there is an item that relates to us. They are available on the Town website.
  - c. A list of the easements to be monitored and by whom was handed out for us to check at home. Lamprey Hill will be monitored on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
  - d. Woodland Exam Report—Ron Klemarczyk hopes to get this accomplished this week. The Stroud Forest walk revealed at least two vernal pools and a tupelo (black gum) swamp.
  - e. Nelson Brook—Ron Klemarczyk felt this should be left as it is.
  - f. Pine Hill—the abutter misunderstood the letter we sent and a letter of clarification has gone out.
  - g. Kiosk for Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area--Joe will need a building permit and should apply for one as soon as he has a plan for the kiosk.
  - h. Trail Brochures—there is nothing new to report.
  - i. Eagle Scout Projects—nothing new to report at this time.
  - j. Education Articles
    - i. Be sure that articles deal with land that is already under easement and not those we hope will be.
    - ii. Ideas for Sue—how amphibians get through the winter; tracking; aquifer protection; light pollution, Thompson Town Forest and the trail, Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area and trail.
  - k. Land Protection Projects
    - i. Cogswell/Perkins Transfer to the Town: we are waiting to speak with Walter Mitchell, Town Counsel
    - ii. Christie had hoped to get everything done by 22 December but that will not be possible. She is waiting to hear from Walter Mitchell and needs a hazardous material letter as well.

- iii. Bartlett: She has not yet picked up the easement plan from her surveyor. Once that is obtained the following are needed: hazardous material letter, baseline, draft deeds and review by Walter Mitchell

I. Planning Board

- a. Ordinance Changes
  - i. Nothing we wanted is here.
  - ii. Aquifer overlay—there are numerous examples on the web
  - iii. Petitioned warrant articles are due on 12/9
- b. Wetland Delineation - The Commission believes these should be required on subdivision and site plan applications and will discuss this further with the Planning Board.
- c. Safety Building Parcel—the wetlands were delineated
- d. Upgrade of Sawtooth Road: we have not been asked for our input but a copy of the letter we sent the last time this parcel was up for consideration will be sent.

J. ZBA: The Curriers are applying for a variance. We will not comment.

K. BOS: Nothing to report.

L. Correspondence and Announcements: a ladyslipper orchid was purchased and presented to Paula Gilman in appreciation of her contributions to the Conservation Commission.

M. Intents to Cut: an intent has been submitted for the property (Kelley's) at the end of Gale Road which has been sold.

N. Upcoming dates:

- a. Hearing on zoning changes will take place on January 7, 2010.
- b. The next regular meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, 12 January 2010 at 7 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 December 8, 2009 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Turchi, Heath Dr., DES File #2009-01283, Seasonal Dock Notification. Under technical review by DES.
2. 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.
3. Town, Donovan Road, DES File #2009-01926, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace stone culvert with 24"x40' plastic N12 culvert with headwalls. More information received by DES.

4. Twigg, Loon Pond, Gilmanton Fire Department, DES File # 2009-02447, Permit-by-Notification for installation of a dry hydrant. PBN is complete.
5. Crystal Lake Development Association, Mountain Road, DES File # 2499, Shoreland Application to replace pier foundation with full cellar. Permit approved.
6. Comeiro, Stage Road, DES File # 2009-02578, Minimum Impact Expedited Application for 60" culvert for lot access and snowmobile trail. Under technical review by DES.
7. Town, Rollins Pond, DES File # 2009-02866, Emergency Authorization to replace dry hydrant, Under technical review by DES.
8. Barton, Province Road, DES File # 2009-02870, Forestry Notification, Under technical review by DES.