



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Held Wednesday, 12 March 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Ferenc Nagy, Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve

Absent: Eric Rowley, Lisa Robinson, Erin Walsh

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Erin

- A. Minutes: Paula moved to accept the Minutes of 12 February. Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: There were no electronic votes this month.
- C. Financial Report: We received \$437.67 in interest for February.
- D. Status Report: The Brunelle and Darbyshire wetland applications were approved.
- E. Wetland Applications: Rague was issued a cease and desist order. He was asked to withdraw his application to alter the terrain until DES could go out and look at the area.
- F. Complaints/Applications/Concerns:
 - a. The owners of the parcel where Stockwell Hill Road meets Lake Shore Drive built a pagoda without providing erosion control so silt has come down to the wetland. We will need to check it in the spring.
 - b. A storage trailer has been placed on the Benson parcel on Route 140. Bob Flanders is going to check on it.
- G. New Business:
 - a. Trails: we will place all the information we have about trails in Gilmanton in one folder and try to do a map that will show all the trails in town. We will ask Erin's help when she returns.
 - b. The Commission completed the Wildlife Action Plan Survey Nanci brought to the meeting.
 - c. We looked at the new surficial geological map and tried to familiarize ourselves with the code.
 - d. The use of mountain bikes on trails was discussed. Apparently they do quite a bit of damage. This is something to be discussed further.
 - e. Gardner's Cove—we are wondering whether or not they are interested in conservation easements. If so, we could help with surveying.
 - f. Matt Tarr, Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialist, has offered to lead a bird walk in the Thompson Town Forest in the spring if we are interested. As it turns out, we are.
- H. Old Business:

- a. Town Meeting:
 - i. We will set up card tables and make maps available for handouts.
 - ii. There are a number of warrant articles. We will remain neutral concerning Milfoil on Rocky Pond.
 - iii. We do not feel roads should be discontinued as it eliminates public access.
 - iv. Nanci will provide the talking points for the warrant article about logging with horses and will just put forward the pros and cons.
- b. Signs: Bill Tetreault will buy the wood. Ferenc moved that he be reimbursed from the Conservation Fund; Dick seconded and all voted in favor. The color of the lettering was discussed. We are leaning toward yellow.
- c. We will discuss conservation tasks when all members are present.
- d. Education and outreach:
 - i. Links to NHF&G, NHACC, 5RCT, SPNHF, WAP, and the NH Children and Nature Coalition have been added to our website. Brenda suggested we add ASNH as well and we will.
 - ii. The Town Forests and Unfragmented Land Maps will be added.
 - iii. We will talk about Shoreline Protection Education and Outreach grants when Erin and Lisa are here.
- e. Thompson Town Forest Timber Harvest:
 - i. The owners of the cottage on Gale Road are going to meet with the BOS to discuss upgrading of Gale Road.
 - ii. Andy Fast, Cooperative Extension Forester for Belknap County, has suggested that we have a walk at the forest to discuss harvest methods. The Commission agreed this was a good idea. We will advertise the event and invite the signers of the petition about the use of horses.
- f. Land Protection Efforts:
 - i. Thanks to Sue the files are now “organized.” Some corrections were made so a new list was handed out.
 - ii. We hope to come up with a better name for what is now called the Arlington Lot which is now town owned.
 - iii. We need to figure out access to Rocky Pond.
 - iv. Walking the Guarino property while it is frozen was discussed.
- g. Pine Circle Maintenance: Doug Isleib has asked us to provide money to maintain the road during the winter because SPNHF always contributed \$50.00. We do not yet own the lot so it is not an issue at this time. Brenda suggested that the Commission point out to Doug that, as we get our budget from the Town, he is asking us to act as a middleman in his effort to get public funding for a private road. There really is no reason for us to get involved in that. It makes more sense for him to take his request directly to the BOS and Budget Committee. The Commission agreed this was a good approach and decided to do nothing at this time as the lot has not yet been transferred to the Town.

I. Planning Board:

- a. Benson—we need to have the wetlands shown on the survey. There has to be a 50-foot setback between any structure and a wetland and that includes a trailer
 - b. Clairmont will be meeting with the PB. It will be interesting to know what is being proposed and if there is to be a site walk.
 - c. Dow—he lives on Canaan Road and wants to make pallets as a cottage industry.
- J. Zoning Board: no agenda is available
- K. Board of Selectmen: The new member is Betty Ann Abbott and the new Board will meet Monday, 17 March, for the first time.
- L. Correspondence: Nanci informed the members of the assorted announcements that have been received.

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for March 12, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. Permit denied. Reconsideration granted.
2. NHDES Dam Bureau and Sawyer Lake Village District, reconstruct the outlet works for the dam. Permit approved. Amendment approved.
3. Linda Hamilton, Stony Point (Rocky Pond), Shoreland Variance Waiver. More information requested by DES.
4. Brunelle, Hemlock Drive, reconstruct field stone wall. Permit approved.
5. Darbyshire, NH Route 140, driveway crossing. Permit approved.