



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting
held Tuesday, 12 May 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Guest: Jessica Day

- A. Election: Paula moved to accept the same slate of officers, Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Jessica Day who lives on Sawyer Lake presented her concerns about the state of the culverts on the roads around the lake and the extent to which sand that is put down during the winter is washing into the water. The Sawyer Lake Association says that DES checked the lake years ago but there are no records. Dick suggested that the information may be with the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and that they should be contacted. Nanci promised to bring this problem up when the GCC meets with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, 18 May. Federal funds are available for water quality issues and the current road agent is willing to work with everyone to solve these problems as well. It was suggested that an article in the paper might attract people interested in forming a committee devoted to this issue.
- C. Minutes: Dick moved to accept the Minutes of 14 April; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Nanci asked Sue to vote for the vacant position.
- D. Financial Report: Nanci explained the Commission's regular budget and the Conservation Fund for the benefit of Joe and Tracy who are interested in joining the GCC.
- E. Status Report: Attached to the end of the Minutes.
- F. Wetland and Shoreline Applications
 - a. Mr. Locke's retaining wall was approved.
- G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
 - a. Graham Wilson complained about the amount of sand and salt that has been drained into his meadow due to a ditch that was made by the Town at the top of the hill. The sand is also going into the brook at the bottom of the hill. We will talk with the Board of Selectmen about this on Monday and write a letter to Paul with a copy to them.
 - b. The trailer that Ronald Martin was keeping on South Road and Route 106 has been removed. The police apparently looked into the matter.
 - c. Kenny Lee on Heath Drive removed a tree damaged by the ice storm but the stump will remain.
- H. New Business:

- a. It is possible to obtain assessing information by going on-line to: www.smsgis.com
 - b. There is no time tonight to review pending topics.
 - c. A public presentation by Tom Linzey concerning ground water withdrawal was discussed. Brenda moved that we invite him. Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor. We will spend \$200.00 for his honorarium. Dick moved and Paula seconded the motion that the money come from our budget for training. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. on June 10, 2009 at the Academy. Brenda will take care of publicity. There will be refreshments. We ~~will~~ [contact](#) the people in Belmont who attended the LRPC meeting.
 - d. According to the language in the deed, the Bingham Farm Estates sign may be put up on the corner lot.
 - e. We did not review the large zoning map and decided to let the ZBA and the Planning Board deal with this as it is their job
- I. Old Business:
- a. New Commission members—there are openings for three alternates and one regular member. It was decided not to appoint a regular member at this time. Copies of the Handbook, By-laws, and Natural Resource Maps were given to Joe Derrick and Tracy Tarr.
 - b. Nanci and Brenda attended the LRPC meeting on water withdrawal. The meeting was well-attended and controversial although the leader did not seem overly interested in criticism of current law and practices. Handouts are available by going on-line to NHGroundwater.com.
 - c. Nanci thanked Erin, Brenda, Sue and Dick for monitoring the Cogswell Mountain Easement and thanked Erin for beginning the report.
 - d. Eagle Scout Projects: one project will involve trail markers and it was decided to make the main trail red and the side trails yellow. We will use plastic for the markers.
 - e. The Land Protection workshop went well. One person contacted the Five River Conservation Trust after attending. Brenda will investigate getting the small tape onto a disc.
 - f. We need a new sign for the Thompson Town Forest and two signs for the Pine Hill Forest. We need a post and mount for the Smithers Forest as well. Nanci will look into this.
 - g. Land Protection: We are still waiting for the survey of Perkins Farm. There is nothing new on Bellush. The walk of the Rague open space subdivision was cancelled when we learned that the “final” subdivision plan did not show the pond or the hammerhead turn around
 - h. Paula moved that we go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3I(d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which if discussed in public would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Dick seconded the motion and it was approved by roll call vote. Dick moved that we come out of non-public session; Paula seconded the motion and all agreed by roll call vote
- J. Planning Board: A site walk is scheduled for the night of Thursday, 14 May. Paula is on the agenda about hosting private events. We need to remind them about a soil workshop.

- K. ZBA—there is nothing on the agenda for us at this time.
- L. BOS—Joe and Tracy will be interviewed on Monday night and we are on their agenda at 8:00 p.m. Nanci and Brenda will attend.
- M. Correspondence/Announcements: we have a request from the 5 Rivers Conservation Trust that the GCC become a member. Erin made a motion in favor which Dick seconded. All voted in favor of membership.
- N. Intents to Cut:
 - a. Martin—there is a deed restriction so the police will keep an eye on things
 - b. Patty Boziak has submitted a request.
 - c. Patty Bradley has submitted a request.
- O. Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Planning Board, 14 May, site walk at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Meeting with Selectmen, 18 May at 7:30 p.m.
 - c. Vernal Pool Workshop, 16 May 2009
 - d. Next GCC meeting Tuesday, 9 June 2009, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens
Secretary

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Status Report for May 12, 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. Locke, DES File #2009-00606, Permit by Notification to replace a failed timber retaining wall with granite block.
4. Lake, Varney Road, Shoreland Permit Application for new home, driveway and septic. Under technical review by DES.
5. Bedard, Guinea Ridge Road, Shoreland Permit Application, for deck, porch and steps. Under technical review by DES.