



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting held
Tuesday, 9 June 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Paula Gilman

Nanci asked Erin to vote for Paula and Joe to vote for the vacant “regular” position.

- A. Dick moved to accept the Minutes from May 12; Erin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Financial Report: The amount of \$200.00 was spent for Wednesday night’s program about water withdrawal.
- C. Status Report: The report is attached to the end of the Minutes.
- D. Wetland and Shoreland Applications:
 - a. William Joyce has submitted a shoreland application for a house, garage and septic system on the large parcel at the northern end of Crystal Lake.
 - b. Jim Fougere is working with Charlie Publicover who has a variance to build a house on the corner of Stage and Gilman Roads—he has to cross an intermittent stream. A site walk will take place on Monday, 15 June at 6:00 p.m.
- E. Complaints/Violations/Concerns:
 - a. Road sand and salt: Nanci and Brenda met with the BOS. They are working with the road agent on the problem. We could ask to have the roadside ditches end toward an upland area instead of a stream so that sediment is filtered out.
 - b. Meadow Pond Road: The Bishops met with DES and may have worked things out.
 - c. Crystal Lake Road: David Butler asked to cut down several gray birches that had been knocked over by the storm and are now leaning over the lake in an unsafe manner. There is no problem about cutting them down but he should not remove the stumps.
- F. New Business:
 - a. Preparations for the groundwater talk—Erin will record the proceedings. Nanci will introduce Gail Darrell who, in turn, will introduce the speaker. Sue is in charge of the paper goods and cookies; Erin will bring cheese and crackers; Nanci will bring the drinks and Joe will bring fruit.
 - b. Review of Pending Topics and Goals: Pending topics and goals from 2008 were reviewed. It was noted that there was considerable overlap and that these two lists should be combined into one list of goals with objectives. Nanci will work on a draft of this. Some of the pending items, such as Bingham Farm baseline

documentation, mailing about the Comprehensive Shore land Protection Act and formation of a group of volunteers, has been completed. Tracy Tarr will update the definition of a vernal pool. The fire chief is working on a definition of a fire pond.

G. Old Business

1. Membership—spouses cannot be regular members of the same committee so Dick will stay a regular member and Sue will remain an alternate.
2. CMCA trail-Jim Fougere hopes to finish the boardwalk portion this week. The gravel fill needs to be done when it is dry.
3. Eagle Scout Projects—nothing new.
4. Signs: Bill Tetreault will do the posts and the signs and Craig Hollingsworth will do the lettering. Brenda moved to spend up to \$300.00 on signs; Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
5. Monitoring: Nanci listed some of the conservation easement parcels that should be monitored. They include the Bacon parcel by Crystal Lake, Bingham Farm on Bingham Farm Road, Hattie Smith Corner on NH Rte 140, Hurst on Sawtooth Road, Lamprey Hill off of NH Rte 107, Messina off of NH Rte 129, Webster on NH Rte 129 and Zarta off of Griffin Road. Town owned parcels include Stroud on Shellcamp Road, Loon Pond Road Land, Hall's Hill and the Town Forests. Joe and Erin will organize monitoring for Bingham Farm, the Ayers Brook Town Forests and also look at the Foss Forest owned by SPNHF.
6. Land Protection
 - a. Perkins Farm Conservation Easement—the Five Rivers transfer occurred but we do not know about the Town.
 - b. Bellush—there is nothing new.
 - c. Rague—Lynne wrote to him and let him know that his plans have to show the pond on his plans and include it in his wetland calculations. He has to show the existing land features but we have not yet heard from him.
 - d. Other efforts: Dick 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. Brenda seconded the motion and it was approved by roll call vote. Matters associated with an interest in land were discussed. Dick moved that we come out of non-public session; Brenda seconded the motion and all agreed by roll call vote.

H. Planning Board—we are on their agenda for Thursday at 8:00 p.m. to discuss water withdrawal.

I. ZBA: the meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

J. Board of Selectmen: we discussed the meeting that took place on 18 May.

K. Workshops on vernal pools and migrating birds took place in Gilmanton.

L. Upcoming Dates:

- a. “Our Groundwater: Who Decides?”, Wednesday, 10 June, 7:00 p.m.
- b. Planning Board, 11 June, 7:00 p.m.
- c. Special Meeting of the GCC, 7 July, 7:00 p.m.
- d. Next regular Conservation Commission meeting, Tuesday, 14 July, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for June 9, 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. Lake, Varney Road, Shoreland Permit Application for new home, driveway and septic. Permit approved by DES.
4. Bedard, Guinea Ridge Road, Shoreland Permit Application, for deck, porch and steps. Permit approved by DES.