



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting
held Tuesday, 8 July 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Eric Rowley

Special Guests: Arlene Allen and Amy Russell

Nanci began the meeting by introducing Arlene Allen of the DES who gave a presentation of the current changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. Arlene provided us with details as to the current regulations and the ways in which they differed from what had been previously required. We each received a copy of her power point presentation and a laminated sheet of information that provides a means by which trees can be measured so the correct number of "points" are left on every fifty-foot grid of shoreland when development is proposed. We very much appreciated the comprehensive information that Arlene provided.

Nanci next introduced Amy Russell, a resident of Gilmanton, who is interested in developing an Energy Committee and Energy Credits for the Town. The Commission members agreed that this was an excellent idea and some members were able to provide her with the names of people who might prove helpful. Once more detailed information has been obtained, the idea should be presented to the Board of Selectmen.:

- A. Dick moved that the Minutes of 10 June 2008 be accepted; Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: We agreed that Walter Mitchell should review the McDonough deed and that we would use money from the Conservation Fund to cover the cost. Dick made a formal motion to that effect. Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- C. Financial Report: We received a yearly dividend of \$172.52 and currently have \$108,668.05 in the Conservation Fund.
- D. Status Report: The report is attached to the end of the Minutes.
- E. Wetland Applications:
 - a. Rague has submitted a revised plan for the culvert that needs to be installed.
 - b. An application to add sand to the beach at the end of Ridgewood Drive has been received. Nanci will arrange to view the area with Nancy Stearns.
 - c. The monitoring report of the restoration of Nighthawk Hollow Brook indicates that everything has been done correctly.
- F. Complaints:

- a. A new owner of one of the Messina lots on Route 129 wants to log it. Nanci explained that she could not do that because of the language in the easement.
- b. The State has ordered work done on the Academy Brook dam and the new owners are very concerned.
- c. The Commission received an anonymous complaint about what the Town was doing on Crystal Lake and investigation showed that the Town was doing what it was supposed to do.
- d. A neighbor of the de Seves has been clear-cutting his lot in an attempt to beat the deadline of the new Shoreland Protection Act but as he had already violated the old law Bob Flanders issued a cease and desist order and it is going to be looked at by DES.
- e. Loon Pond—a narrow strip of land between the road and the lake has been cleared. Bob Flanders has looked at it and there will be no more cutting and no stumping but they can chip what has been cut. DES has been notified.
- f. A side of the dam at Sawyer Lake was replaced and a great deal of silt has been added to the bottom of the lake.

Due to the special presentations held at the start of this meeting we were unable to complete our agenda and decided to hold an additional meeting on Tuesday, 15 July 2008.

Dates: 10 July 2008, 5:30 p.m. Planning Board site walk of the Mitchell gravel pit.
22 July 2008, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Special Town Election
30 July 2008, 7:00 p.m. Meeting of the Class VI Road Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for July 8, 2008 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Kurt Rague, Crystal Lake Road, culvert replacement. More information requested by DES.
3. Town, Loon Pond Road, Standard Dredge and Fill, culvert replacement. Under technical review by DES.
4. Town, Blueberry Lane, culvert replacement. Notification complete.
5. Town, Stage Road, culvert replacement. Notification complete.