



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting held on
Tuesday, 15 July 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Erin Hollingsworth, Ferenc Nagy, Eric Rowley

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Erin and Lisa to vote for Ferenc.

A. Financial Report:

- a. Materials for the signs cost \$190.73. Dick moved that we reimburse Bill Tetreault for the supplies and the work he did from the conservation fund. Lisa seconded the motion and all voted in favor. We will check with SPNHF to see if we will be able to get lettering on the signs done and will arrange the Stroud ceremony.
- b. SB381 passed both legislatures this year and allows money in the conservation fund to be used for land that the Town does not hold an interest in as long as it is held by an authorized organization and also for land that is not actually in Town. Copies of the bill were handed out along with model warrant articles for Town Meeting.

B. Wetland Applications:

- a. Dick, Sue, and Nanci met with Nancy Stearns about adding sand to the beach on Ridgewood Drive. So little sand can be added that Nancy S. decided to withdraw the wetland application and to meet with the Lakeridge Manor Association again. Nanci Mitchell offered to meet with them as well.
- b. The culverts on the Middle Route still have some work to be done.
- c. Nanci learned from DES that the Army Corps of Engineers checklist must be submitted with all Permit-by-Notification, Minimum Impact and Standard Dredge and Fill applications. The checklist is online.

C. Complaints: Concerns were expressed about a clear-cut on Allens Mill Road and a possible filling of wetlands on Crystal Lake Road.

D. New Business:

- a. Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) Education—we will put information on our website and an article in the paper that will reference the website as well. Once Arlene Allen gives us the brochures we will make sure that they are distributed. Our last mailing numbered 440.
- b. Goals: The list of goals was updated as follows:
 - i. Education is ongoing. CSPA is the priority.
 - ii. Thompson Town Forest timber harvest—it will be done when the time is right. We walked the road with Ron on the 9th and Ron suggested one

culvert across the road below where the Maltais family might have their turn-around. There is a culvert on the east side of the road but it is undersized and will not be able to deal with the problem of runoff.

- iii. Conservation Plan.
 - iv. Conservation Easement monitoring.
 - v. Review and prioritize recommendations from NRI.
 - vi. Mailing to large landowners regarding conservation options.
 - vii. Increase membership.
 - viii. Increase number of members who are trained to do baseline documentation.
 - ix. Continue to work with Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Gilmanton Land Trust, Friends of the Suncook River and the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition on areas of mutual interest.
 - c. We will deal with the Conservation Lands Map in August when Erin is back.
 - d. Land Conservation: we will arrange to walk Don Guarino's land. Lisa will talk with Mrs. Stanley and find out if she would like to meet with us. Paula suggested another mailing to a select group of people who might be interested in land conservation and let them know about the IRS tax incentives that are now in place.
 - e. Ordinances: We need to look at the NRI and decide what should be done first. We have the following suggestions: Wetlands, aquifers, water withdrawal, ridgelines, and night sky.
 - f. The GCC now has its own extension at the Town Hall—ext. 23. Our e-mail address is conservation@gilmantonnh.org
- E. Old Business:
- a. The sign at the Thompson Town Forest could be fixed by the Conservation Land Crew.
 - b. The letter to interested people should be sent out, asking them to let us know if they are no longer interested, encouraging them to invite others who might be interested and attaching a list of tasks so that they will be able to let us know what they are most interested in doing.
 - c. Land Protection:
 - i. Shellcamp—the draft of the deed was sent to Walter on July 1, 2008.
 - ii. Valley Shores—they are trying to get the deed.
 - iii. Bellush—a copy of the conservation easement has gone to Walter Mitchell, Jason Bellush, Ron Johnson, and Lynne. They are postponing discussion until September.
 - iv. Bingham Farm baseline is now done.
 - v. Don Guarino—Paula will find out when he would like us to walk his land
 - vi. Rague—changes to the conservation easement have been made by the Planning Board. We will seek advice.
- F. ZBA: the only item on their agenda is Paul de Forest
- G. Correspondence:
- a. We received a survey from the Community Advisory Forestry Council that Nanci will fill out.

- b. The restoration of the bank on Night Hawk Hollow has been completed by the Fire Department.
 - c. Gilmanton has joined the 5 River Conservation Trust.
- H. Intents to Cut: Tom and Barbara Reed at Chris Robertson's farm.
- I. Dates:
- a. Class VI Roads Committee, July 30 at 7:00 pm.
 - b. Next Regular Conservation Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7 pm
 - c. Conservation Commission work session, Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 7 pm. to discuss Night Sky, Wetland and Aquifer ordinances.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.