



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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

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

Absent: Paula Gilman, Eric Rowley

Special Guests: Robert and Mary Beth Harris, Nate Abbott

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Paula and Lisa to vote for Ferenc who will be late.

- A. The Harrises came to speak to us about the proposed contractor's yard on Grant Hill Road. Bob Harris described the area and explained that the building in question is opposite the headwaters of Nighthawk Brook and is close to a large area of wetlands. He showed us photographs of a generator in use and a portapotty. The Harrises are concerned about the noise from the generator and a possible fuel spill in a sensitive wildlife area. New Hampshire's Department of Fish & Game earmarked this area for a study of bear and a great variety of wildlife has been seen here. The building has been placed fifty feet from the brook. Dick asked how many people are working with Paul and was told that as many as four have been seen. Paul de Forest is currently in the process of applying for a permit to have a contractor's yard. Nanci assured Bob and Mary Beth that we are concerned and that the next step will be walking the property once de Forest has presented his plan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. Nanci had been informed that no permit was needed for the portapotty but has since learned that this is not the case. She has contacted Bob Flanders, the Town's law enforcement officer.
- B. Nate Abbott came in to show us the drainage plan that Paul Darbyshire had drawn up for his proposed building on South Road. This is to be a commercial building with perhaps five employees but as much of the work will be done elsewhere there should be few vehicles parked in the area. The area has been sloped in such a way that there should not be any deleterious affects on the wetlands. Dick moved to approve the plan. Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- C. Minutes of July 15, 2008: Dick moved to accept the Minutes; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- D. Electronic Votes: We agreed to have Jason Teaster at SPNHF do the lettering on the sign for the Ella Stroud Memorial Conservation Easement. Erin moved that the GCC pay for this work from the Conservation Fund; Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- E. Financial Report: Nanci handed out the latest information.
- F. Status Report: This is attached at the end of the Minutes.

- G. Wetland Applications: We heard from Nancy Stearns that the Lakeridge Manor Association decided to go ahead with the beach replenishment and will use the 10 cubic yards of sand they are allowed over a smaller area so that the sand will be 2 inches deep. Dick moved to sign the application. Lisa seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- H. Complaints/Violations/Concerns:
- a. The people who wanted to add an L to their dock and were told they could not have added a small appendage to the existing dock anyway. We will begin by writing them a letter.
 - b. The trailer on conservation land on Valley Shores is being dismantled and removed.
 - c. Buffer zone removal on Loon Pond – Bob Flanders gave the owner permission to remove the trees and place a bench as a memorial to his deceased wife. We will ask Bob Flanders to have him plant some trees as part of that memorial
 - d. Delaney on Tipi Lane has extended a stone wall so it is now in the water. This was done without a permit and a complaint has been filed with DES so it will be taken care of without our intervention.
 - e. There was some concern that tree cutting was done within the Messina conservation area but Ferenc, who had just arrived at the meeting, said it was not within the boundary of the easement.
- I. New Business:
- a. We discussed the plans for the Ella Stroud Memorial Celebration—Sue and Brenda will prepare a news release and posters will be put up. A note of thanks will be sent to Bill for the beautiful job he did on the signs. Jason at the SPNHF will do the lettering for the Stroud sign and our volunteer crew will do the painting and installation. Erin will purchase the paint and be reimbursed. Once we have the correct stencils, her husband will do the lettering on the other signs.
 - b. Hall’s Hill Swamp: the lot in this area has been up for sale by the Town but no one is interested in buying. It is very wet and there really isn’t room for even one house. At our next Town Meeting we will ask that the Town keep this lot as conservation land.
 - c. We discussed the agenda for our work session on Tuesday, 19 August.
- J. Old Business:
- a. We discussed the mailing of the pamphlet about the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. We will insert a note saying, “You are receiving this flyer from the Gilmanton Conservation Commission with support from the NH Department of Environmental Services because some or all of your property is within the protected shoreland,” and try to do the mailing at our work session on August 19.
 - b. There has been no word yet about the work being done that requires temporary access across conservation land.
 - c. Letters have been sent to the members of the Gilmanton Land Crew and we hope they will do the painting and installation of the Stroud sign.
 - d. Land Protection Efforts:
 - i. It is possible that land will be protected on Shellcamp but there are some problems with the deed.

- ii. A draft deed was sent about the Bellush conservation easement but there has been no word back as yet.

K. Planning Board:

- a. The Rague discussion has been postponed until August 19.
- b. There will be a discussion of an open-space development on Loon Pond Road.

L. ZBA: There is no agenda.

M. Board of Selectmen

- a. The Energy Committee is now official
- b. There was a discussion of the Thompson Timber Harvest and it was suggested that it be done in winter so there would not be any need for the culvert but we have to do something to prevent the build-up of ice. Israel Willard expressed concern that we had not considered using horses but we have and they are not suitable for the area in question. He also expressed the view that it would be illegal to improve the road but according to Town Counsel and LCG that if it is done to get timber out for sale it is legal.

N. Correspondence: Nanci passed around assorted newsletters that had arrived.

O. Intents to Cut: There is one for Meadowbrook Road and one for Gale Road

The meeting ended at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for August 12, 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. Permit approved by DES.
3. Town, Loon Pond Road, Standard Dredge and Fill, culvert replacement. Under technical review by DES.
4. Neuwejaar, Gilman Road, Forestry Notification Complete.
5. MacMillan, Prescott Road, Forestry Notification Complete.
6. Mitchell, Durrell Mountain Road, Forestry Notification Complete.
7. Town, Meadow Pond Road, Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities