



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Site Walk and Special Meeting  
Held Thursday, 20 August 2009, 5:30 pm at Donovan Road

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Dick de Seve and Brenda Sens from the Conservation Commission; Jim and Mary Ann Morrill, Bill and Terri Donovan, Israel Willard, Mike Workman.

Absent: Joe Derrick, Lisa Robinson, Tracy Tarr

Nanci Mitchell appointed Sue Hale de Seve to vote for Tracy Tarr.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the wetland impact of a proposed replacement of an old stone culvert under Donovan Road with a 40 foot long 24" plastic N12 culvert. Carl Sherblom has submitted a Minimum Impact Expedited wetland application for the project and the Commission needs to decide whether or not to sign the application. The Town is the applicant because Donovan Road is a Class VI Town Road. However, the Morrills are responsible for all of the cost because the culvert is part of the requirements for them to build a new home on their land (Map/Lot 409/041).

The group looked at the location of the proposed culvert replacement and Mike Workman, contractor, explained the general idea of what was to be done. The culvert needs to be replaced in order to achieve the roadway width necessary for access. No trees are to be removed. Mike hopes to be able to use the stones from the old culvert in the header and footer of the new one. The upstream inlet of the new culvert will end about five feet from the iron pin marking the corner boundary of the Donovan and Kelley properties.

Nanci Mitchell raised the issue that the abutter list was not correct. Everyone agreed that Celon Kelley, Map/Lot 409/045 is an abutter and that Beauchesne, Map/Lot 409/043 is not.

Nanci Mitchell also raised the question of whether or not abutter notification was necessary. Since this appears to be a gray area she had asked Carl Sherblom if he would mind doing it so that there would be no questions in the future. Carl had agreed to do it, but at that point in time he had the wrong list of abutters.

Nanci also raised the question regarding rule Wt 304.04 requiring written permission from abutters for work within 20 feet of their property line. Mary Ann Morrill asked the Donovans if they would give written permission. Bill Donovan replied that they would not. Dick de Seve and Nanci Mitchell said they would discuss the issue with DES.

Motion made by Dick de Seve that the Conservation Commission would sign the Expedited Minimum Impact Wetland Application for the culvert replacement on Donovan Road if the abutter list was corrected to include Kelley, if the abutters were notified and copies of the certified mail receipts included with the application and if there was a resolution to whether written permission from abutters within 20 feet was required. Motion seconded by Paula Gilman and approved unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Mitchell, Chair