



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission
held Tuesday, 4 August 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Nancy Christie, Sue Hale de Seve, Erin Hollingsworth, Nanci Mitchell (Chair),
Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve, Tracy Tarr

Absent: Joe Derrick, Paula Gilman, Lisa Robinson

Nanci asked Sue to vote for Paula

A. Nancy Christie

Nancy Christie explained that she and her husband plan to move away from the area. Two areas that are part of their family home have been placed in conservation easements through the Five Rivers Conservation Trust and they are eager to have these areas given to the Town as soon as possible. Their vision is to have the land open to the public for passive recreation. The only cutting they want done would be for public safety on the trails. It is their hope that one day there will be a trail encircling the beaver pond on the thirteen-acre lot using boardwalks where necessary. While they are willing to permit hunting and fishing they do not want trapping or tree stands of any type to be allowed. There is an old permit for a driveway and they will look into that with a view to providing some parking. These easements are to be a legacy of Nancy Christie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steenstra. The wooded lot is twenty acres and has some very large beech trees. Any signage would have to have the approval of the Historic District Commission and we should also go to them with any plans for parking as a courtesy. We need to check with the State to see if the driveway permit is still legal. A loop trail would have an impact on other people's property but that could be avoided if boardwalks are used. The Christies are prepared to do a lot of the funding for this. Nanci Mitchell spoke about the process. Tim suggested a warranty deed. Nancy Christie's lawyer would draft it and the Town lawyer would have to approve it. Five Rivers has already done quite a few of the things that need to be done so we will call them to see if we can get the information. Nanci will talk with people in the Selectmen's office about the taxes. The Commission thanked Nancy Christie for her generosity.

B. Land Protection Efforts:

Rague has decided to do a regular subdivision rather than an open space one.

Bellush: we are still waiting to hear from the lawyer about the dock.

Perkins: we agreed to split the cost of the survey for the transfer. Jeff Green was hired and the survey that was conducted has to be revised because the map is incorrect.

Dick moved that we go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 31 (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. Tracy moved that we come out of non-public session. Erin seconded the motion and all agreed by roll call vote.

C. Wetland Application

David Clairmont re-submitted an application for a wetland crossing to widen the road to the back of his property on Route 140 that was denied by DES in 2007.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.