



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting
Held Tuesday, 8 September 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Paula Gilman, Sue Hale de Seve, Tracy Tarr, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Joe Derrick, Dick de Seve

Absent: Lisa Robinson, Brenda Sens

Chairman Nanci Mitchell appointed Sue Hale-de Seve and Joe Derrick to vote for absent regular members.

- A. **Minutes:** Paula moved to accept the Minutes of August 11th, August 20th; Sue Hale-de Seve seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. **Financial Report:** We have \$3,647.22 left in our budget.
- C. **Status Report:** There are no changes at this time.
- D. **Wetland Applications:**
 - a. The Fire Department called concerning several dry hydrants, locations unknown at this time.
- E. **Complaints/Violations/Concerns**
 - a. Nothing more has been heard about the possible LaBelle sand situation, although he maintains that the sand will be used outside the shoreland protection zone.
 - b. Depasquale – Varney Road.
 - c. Bishop – is it resolved? Mr. Bishop has been told that he needs to consult with a wetland scientist to determine what siltation and erosion control measures he may need to implement.
- F. **New Business**
 1. Commission Task List – does the list look OK in terms of who is taking responsibility for each task? We agreed that it does, and that more people taking responsibility for different tasks makes the work easier all around. After reviewing the tasks assigned, and some discussion of finding some new volunteers, we agreed that the tasks have all been assigned and accounted for, and we can consider the Commission Task List officially done.
- G. **Old Business**
 1. **October Democracy School** – this is not far away. The Gilmanton Land Trust annual meeting is scheduled for October 17, one of the potential dates for the Democracy School. Questions asked concerning interest in other surrounding towns, how to interest the 40 people necessary to make the school viable here, and spending any taxpayer funds on what could be a controversial issue. Sue agreed to contact Gail Darrell about possible options.

2. **Pine Hill Town Forest Boundary Marking** – Ron Klemarczyk agreed to mark the boundary for under \$350, the amount we have available for the project. All agreed that bright blue marking paint would be acceptable. He will do minimal marking along the road.
3. **Monitoring**
 - a. **Prioritize lands to monitor**- Messina, September 26, 9:30 a.m.; Hurst - undecided ; Lamprey – Route 107, December 5, 9:30 a.m.; Pine Circle/water resources lot – Tracey Tarr will do this one; Zarta – undecided.
 - b. **Methodology** – does our methodology work? We used it on Bingham Farm and Ayers Brook parcels. We will review the report prepared by Erin and Joe to determine its efficacy.
 - c. **Bingham Farm/Ayers Brook Town Forests** – Joe brought photos to add to Erin’s reports. Nanci will fill in the few remaining details.
 - d. **Review of Goals, and Objectives** – Can we adopt them? After reviewing them, we determined that we had accomplished some of these, and were in agreement on the rest. Dick moved, Paula seconded adoption. Adopted. We will now continue to work on these goals and objectives.
4. **Eagle Scout Projects** – See Historic District commission minutes from 8/4/09. Hunter Rowley will do a Smith Meetinghouse sign for his project. Cody Hook will work on the Stroud Forest trail.
5. **Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area – Sign, Kiosk and Tables.** We need written permission to post the signs. We’ll do the sign and trail work on September 20, beginning behind the library at the trailhead. We agreed that it’s appropriate to spend conservation funds on this project. Dick moved, Tracy seconded using up to \$900 for this project. We will look around for the best prices and costs for materials.
6. **Other Signs** – wait for Erin to discuss other signs.
7. **Trails** – Plan for Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area and Thompson Town Forest - Thompson Town Forest date – 10/3/09. We have a sign to install there.
8. **Land Protection Projects -**
 - a. Cogswell/Perkins transfer to Town: survey is done, we have paid our share of the cost of the survey. A question remains about a new description and amended acreage based on the survey, in the conservation easement.
 - b. Christie – we did a hazardous materials letter. We are waiting for the Fire Chief’s information. DES shows a well as a remediation site. We got information to Walter Mitchell to update the title research.
 - c. Others: Dick de Seve moved to enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(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. Motion seconded by Paula Gilman and passed by roll call vote 6-0.

The status of several land protection projects was discussed.

Dick de Seve moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Motion seconded by Sue Hale de Seve and passed 6-0.

Paula Gilman moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Sue Hale de Seve seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

H. Planning Board:

1. **Lynch** – request for anyone to attend the planning board meeting on this issue. We agreed that it was appropriate to handle this issue by email, and to send a letter to the planning board with our thoughts about this application.
2. **Kelley** – 100+ acres, and 8.9 acres to be subdivided from a 96+ acre parcel.
3. **Natural Resources Audit** – Great job, now we need to try to assure that the Planning Board uses the NRA. Conservation Plan – we need to use it to educate the Planning Board and the public in Gilmanton. We also need to work on getting an Aquifer Overlay Ordinance done.
4. **Groundwater Ordinance** – at the moment, we are unsure as to what the Planning Board will accept. Dick will contact John Funk to discuss what the Planning Board is thinking.

I. Zoning Board of Adjustment: Two appeals are pending. One is a barn permit issue, the other a commercial establishment issue.

J. Board of Selectmen

K. Correspondence

L. Intents to Cut.

M. Dates:

- a. Planning Board, September 10, 2009 at 7 pm.
- b. Five Rivers Conservation Trust 20th Anniversary Meeting, September 26th.
- c. Belknap Range Conservation Coalition First Annual meeting, October 3, 2009, Mount Major Parking Area. Raindate, October 4.
- d. Next Regular Conservation Commission meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 7 pm
- e. Gilmanton Land Trust Annual meeting, October 17, 2009.

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick de Seve, acting Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for September 8, 2009 Meeting

A. Wetland and Shoreland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, DES File # 2006-02011, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Hoitt/Weston (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association), DES File #2008-01767, Trail Notification. Determined to be administratively incomplete by DES.
3. Turchi, Heath Dr., DES File #2009-01283, Seasonal Dock Notification. Under technical review by DES.
4. Clairmont, 46 NH Rte 140, DES File #2009-01570, Standard Dredge and Fill Application to impact 5392 sq. ft. of wetlands to realign and widen an existing driveway. Under technical review by DES.
5. Town, Stage Road. DES File #2009-01795, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace in-kind a 32' long squash culvert. Under technical review by DES.
6. Rendall, Guinea Ridge Road, DES File #2009-01862, Forestry Notification. Notification complete.
7. Bellevance, Wildwood Lane, DES File #2009-01899, Shoreland Permit Application, install new septic. Under technical review by DES.
8. Town, Donovan Road, DES File #2009-01926, Minimum Impact Expedited Application, replace stone culvert with 24"x40' plastic N12 culvert with headwalls. Under technical review by DES.