

Minutes of the Meeting of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission held
Tuesday, 9 October 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Lisa Robinson

Erin Walsh, who is interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission, attended the meeting. We welcomed her and introduced ourselves.

Nanci asked Sue to vote for the empty position.

- A. Minutes: Paula moved to accept the Minutes of September 10th; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: Since the last meeting we voted
 1. Not to intervene in the Sawyer Lake Dam project;
 2. To approve the letter to the ZBA asking them not to grant approval for a large lit billboard on Route 140 advertising a hair salon;
 3. To spend \$399 for two catch basin covers to cover the wells in the Pine Hill Town Forest. Dick made a motion concerning approval of this expenditure; Paula seconded it and all voted in favor.
- C. Financial Report: The 2008 budget is due on October 29th and we are limited to a 2% increase. We went over the budget and will deal with our proposed budget for 2008 by e-mail.
- D. Paul Stroud: Mr. Stroud came to the meeting to discuss a possible gift of 34.9 acres to be given in honor of his wife. The Commission provided information concerning the procedure to be followed.
- E. Status Report: The Status Report is attached to the end of the Minutes.
- F. Wetland Applications:
 1. Colman did not submit an application as there was no retaining wall to replace and she was receptive to the idea of plantings.
 2. Dave Clairmont: Schauer Consulting, Inc. has responded to the request for more information from DES.
- G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
 1. A complaint was filed about a dock near the road on Crystal Lake. DES is working with the Town to try to find out who owns it.
 2. We were not notified prior to the extension of the culverts on Places Mills Road but we will not take any action.
- H. New Business:

1. Paul Osborne notified the Commission that the Snowmobile Club will be putting new bridges in the Meadow Pond Forest.
 2. We will notify John Funk that the watershed grants involve \$75,000 in matching funds.
 3. Allocation of tasks: we will wait until Lisa is at the meeting.
- I. Old Business:
1. Monitoring
 - a. We will monitor the Messina Easement on Wednesday, October 17th, at 9:00 a.m. and will meet at Upper City Road. Paula will join Nanci for this.
 - b. CMCA: The Ambelas portion will be done on October 30th at 9:00 a.m. Nanci and Brenda will meet on Lou Lane.
 - c. Allen Portion of CMCA—Nanci, John and Ursula Allen did this. They discovered a new beaver lodge on the pond.
 2. Thompson Town Forest timber harvest—there is more of a market for lumber now than there was and Nanci will give the information to Tim who requested it for the BOS.
 3. Pine Hill Town Forest—the well covers will be delivered on October 26th and Brian Forst will install them on the 27th.
 4. The Class VI Roads Committee is on the agenda of the BOS meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15th.
 5. CMCA trail: John Allen, Jim Fougere, and Frank Allen are proceeding with this work.
 6. Land Protection:
 - a. The Belknap Range Conservation Coalition has identified important parcels for protection and has started discussion with some landowners
 - b. Webster is moving forward. The survey is done and the appraisal issue has been resolved. We need photos for the baseline.
 - c. Christie: the meeting with the BOS went very well.
 - d. Bartlett has expressed an interest in conserving their land.
- J. Planning Board:
1. Rague is hoping for final approval of the proposed subdivision on Thursday, October 11th. As far as the conservation easement goes Nancy Girard and John Funk need to review the language for the Reserved Rights for the hammerhead, fire pond, and road construction. We now have permission to check on hazardous materials, historic resources, and natural resources. Pictures for the baseline report will be taken on Friday, October 12th, at 9:00 a.m.
- K. ZBA
1. John Funk and Deb Chase have applied to put up a woodshed as well as a screened porch on their house.
 2. Mr. Bouchard would like to add a screened porch to his home.
- L. BOS: discussed under Class VI Roads above.
- M. Correspondence: Nanci informed the Commission of various talks and workshops scheduled in the weeks ahead.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will take place on Tuesday, 6 November.
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for September 18, 2007 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. More information requested by DES.
2. Clairmont, NH Route 140, access road for construction vehicles. More information requested by DES.
3. Gilmanton Fire Dept., Duane Landowner, after-the-fact application for dry hydrant replacement. More information requested by DES.
4. Rague, Crystal Lake Road, upgrade 15" x 40' culvert with a 36" x 60' culvert. More information requested by DES.
5. Dionne, Crystal Lake Road, beach replenishment. More information received by DES.

B. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – Please see agenda.