

**Gilmanton Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2007**

Present: Nanci Mitchell, Lisa Robinson, Erin Walsh, Ferenc Nagy, Sue Hale deSeve, Dick deSeve, Eric Rowley, & Paula Gilman. Absent: Brenda Sens

Prior to Regular Meeting, Paula handed out notes taken at the Annual NHACC Meeting on 11/3/07. Notes were from Baseline Documentation and Changes to Shoreland Protection Act. Nanci handed out sample photos from Zarta Baseline Documentation.

Paula was asked to take Minutes due to Brenda's absence. Lisa & Sue were appointed to vote.

- A. Minutes 10/9 – Moved by Dick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa and approved unanimously.
- B. Electronic Votes included revised Budget; increase in amount in forestry from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
- C. Financial – Nanci handed out updated 2007 Expenses. Recent expenses were: NHACC Concert for Paula - \$35.00; paper & ink \$127.96; maps \$16.40; stamps \$8.20 and well covers \$399.00.

We voted to order more 4 (four) more Conservation Commission Handbooks; and maps to hand out at Town Hall.

- D. Status Report: Snowmobile Trail notification was approved. RE: Clairmont, Dick advised DES filed a Reconsideration.
- E. Wetlands Applications:
  - 1. Middle Route – Town submitted requested information to DES on last date of deadline.
  - 2. New ---Brunelle of Hemlock Drive wants a retaining wall. Dick and Ferenc will take a look at this one.

Ferenc raised issue of a new culvert installed next to his property on Sawyer Lake that does not have a permit. He will check into it this weekend.

- F. Complaints: DES closed enforcement files on Pinales of Heath Drive; Lautenschlager of Crystal Lake Road and Snow of Tipi Lane. Peter Schauer sent letter regarding erosion control measures taken on Marshall Cottages. Per the photos he enclosed the control measures look good.

G. New Business: We are looking into possibility of Watershed Grants for mailings regarding the changes in the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA). Barbara McMillan asked Nanci to meet with her and Arlene Allen from DES to discuss using grant Gilmanton as a model town. Unfortunately, Nanci was not able to meet with them at the time. Dick will contact them to see if we are still able to be a model town.

CE checklists and baseline documentation. We have not done Closing Considerations in the CEs before but we should consider doing it. We will discuss this at next meeting. Will also wait for a full Commission to once again discuss Allocation of Tasks. It is vital we all share the tasks equally.

H. Old Business – Nanci & Paula walked the Messina Easement on the North side of Route 129. There was a dog run within the easement on the Western portion of the easement and a manure pile on the Eastern side. While Nanci and Paula were walking and flagging the easement a male person was observed dumping manure. We think this may be on the Wagner property and Nanci will contact Carolyn Baldwin to see how to proceed with this.

Nanci and Brenda walked the Ambelas Cogswell Mountain CE. It appeared to be in relatively good shape. There were a lot of moose signs in addition to a porcupine that Sadie and Zack (Nanci & Brenda's dogs respectively) managed to just "sniff and avoid". There were signs of ATV and equestrian use, but did not look bad.

Thompson Town Forest timber harvest – Nanci spoke with Brian Forst and Brian felt we could proceed with timber harvest, but he was not speaking for the Board of Selectmen. Per Erin – prices are down at the time for timber. Nanci will contact our forester, Ron Klemarczyk to see if he wants to wait another year for harvest or to proceed with harvest.

Pine Hill Town Forest well covers. Brian Forst and his son, John, donated time, and equipment to place covers on the exposed wells in the forest. Ferenc suggested a write up in the local papers which Lisa will do. We also opted to give Brian a gift certificate to Dunkin Donuts which will come out of our pockets – not the Commission funds.

Next Class VI Roads meeting is next Wed. November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Land Protection: Gilmanton Land Trust held their annual meeting on 11/3/07 which was also their 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. Nanci made maps showing lands conserved before 1997; conserved after 1997; and conserved lands in abutting towns and presented them to the attendees of the meeting. Nanci handed out copies of these maps to GCC members and we are to review the maps and bring comments to next meeting regarding additions to maps. Nanci read from the GLT meeting their suggestions for future land protection. We are also to make our recommendations at next scheduled meeting.

Belknap Range Conservation Coalition is continuing to refine their priority properties list for conservation.

Danny Webster's CE must be completed by 11/20- for Danny to be able to take advantage of the tax advantage. Walter Mitchell needs to provide 2 Title Opinions and Deed of Sale to Town. Surveyor, Jeff Greene, needs to complete a corrected plan. Nanci handed out copies of the Webster CE and the Commission is to review the CE and comment prior to 11/20.

Nothing new with Paul Stroud conservation project. It was noted during the walk there were multiple trees down/leaning on the Verizon lines within their Easement.

- I. Planning Board: Rague still outstanding are the following: Title Opinion; Baseline; Hazardous Material letter from BOS not signed yet; marking of boundaries; and corners of exclusion areas. It was decided we are not able to accept the CE as complete. We need the final plan and Title Opinion first. Nanci walked the property and advised us the boundaries need to be marked. During Nanci's discussions with Tom Howe, Tom indicated we should have the drainage easement indicated.

Benson – he was to contact a Soil Scientist due to overwhelming amount of Royal fern present on proposed Contractor's yard. We have not heard back from him.

Zoning changes – We will once again send our recommendations form May 3, 2007.

Boundary Line Adjustment – Soucy & Mallory – meeting with Planning Board on 11/8. Our concern is 'no filling of wetlands'. Paula is recusing herself and Nanci will be having surgery on her foot. Nanci will send letter to Planning Board with our concerns.

Doyle: Nanci read letter from Doyles to Snowmobile Club indicating they will no longer allow access across their property.

- J. ZBA – Nanci handed out printed ZBA agenda and will advise us if there is anything of importance to us.
- K. BOS - We will meet with them on November 26 at 7:30 pm.
- L. Intents to Cut --- George Roberts along Smith Meeting House and Governor's Road – cutting back brush. Also, David Hinsley – George Roberts filed an After the Fact.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gilman

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Status Report for November 6, 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. Permit denied.
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. Permit-by-Notification complete.
6. NHDES Dam Bureau and Sawyer Lake Village District, reconstruct the outlet works for the dam. Under technical review by DES.
7. Zanchuk, Meadow Pond Road, Trail Notification (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association). Under technical review by DES.

B. Complaints/Violations/Concerns