

Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting Held  
Tuesday, 11 December 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

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

Absent: Lisa Robinson

Ray Brunelle came to the meeting to discuss his plans for repairing a retaining wall on his property on Sawyer Lake. Dick explained that when he showed the plan to the people at DES who would be making the decision, he was told that it would not be approved as some of the stones would be under water when the lake was high. Paula, as a landscaper, recommended that there be an 18-inch wide line of plantings on the lawn side of the wall and provided Ray with information regarding what those plants should be. Ferenc said he would like to work with Ray as he has clearly made every effort to do the right thing and so many people don't. Nanci responded that she was not comfortable with signing the original application if DES would deny it. We have worked hard to earn a reputation for being very careful and our views are respected by DES. She feels we should work with Ray to submit something more acceptable to DES. It was recommended that the plan be resubmitted with the changes discussed this evening to Town Hall and we will review it in January. Ray agreed and left the meeting.

- A. Dick moved to accept the Minutes of November 6 and 26. Paula seconded and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes:
  - a. We decided not to sign the Brunelle application as it was submitted.
  - b. We had a lengthy exchange about who should receive the letter concerning the manure pile placed in the Conservation Easement. The letter was sent to the Wagners. They have not replied and, as Tom Wagner is having health problems, we decided not to contact them to see if they received the letter at this time.
  - c. We agreed to sign the dry hydrant application for Nutter's pond.
- C. Financial Report: the current list of expenses was handed out. Paula moved that we pay the \$528.50 bill for the surveying of the Webster Conservation Easement. Ferenc seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ferenc moved that we purchase additional copies of "Landscaping at the Water's Edge." Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- D. Status Report; this is attached to the Minutes.
- E. Wetland Applications:
  - a. The after-the-fact application for the culverts on the Middle Route was denied. It will be resubmitted. The Town will have to cut the culverts back.
  - b. Linda Hamilton's shoreline waiver application was submitted.
  - c. The after-the-fact application for a dry hydrant in Nighthawk Hollow Brook by the Fire Department was approved. However, they will have to prepare a restoration plan for the eroded stream bank by January 1, 2008.

F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

- a. Stephen Osborn on Lake Shore Drive has now done everything he should have done.
- b. Marshall Cottages on Manning Lake—they have done the plantings required where they dumped sand.

G. New Business:

- a. Shoreland Protection Education and Outreach Grants: They would like us to be a pilot town and Barbara McMillan and Arlene Allen are willing to come and talk with us about what would be expected from us. They would train us about what they are looking for and love the idea of our working with other Conservation Commissions around Gilmanton so that everyone will be on the same page and get involved.
- b. Conservation Commission Newsletters: we will discuss this as well as a conservation plan at our next meeting. Various town newsletters can be found by going to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov).
- c. Allocation of Commission tasks: Nanci will e-mail the old list to us and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

H. Old Business:

- a. The BOS said it was okay to do a timber harvest at the Thompson Town Forest this year but we have not yet heard back from Ron Klemarczyk.
- b. The next Class VI Roads meeting is tomorrow evening (Wednesday, 12 December).
- c. Land Protection Efforts
  - i. Baseline Documentation. It is okay to file Zarta. We will place one copy of the Zarta file in the vault and another in the file cabinet so we'll have it on hand. We will look at Rague with the Planning Board at their meeting.
  - ii. Stroud will present his gift to the Town at the BOS meeting of 17 November. Sue will bake cookies and Erin will bring cookies from her first cookie exchange at work. Nanci will provide cider. The title report is now done. There is a minor error and Walter Mitchell will let us know how to correct it. There is a question about the power line easement and that is being addressed.
  - iii. Snowmobile Trail: Tina Mirabella has bought land that has a snowmobile trail on it and she will not allow it. The Snowmobile Club is considering changes to the trail.

I. Planning Board:

A. Rague: Dick moved that the GCC approve the Conservation Easement Deed under the provisions of NH RSA 36-A:4, for approximately 19.81 acres of land situated off of Crysstal Lake Road as depicted on a plan entitled, "Open Space Plan for Crystal Lake Farms, Crystal Lake Road, Gilmanton, Belknap County, New Hampshire," dated June 5, 2006, and last revised October 1, 2007, subject to the following conditions:

1. A note to be added to the subdivision plan explaining the "drainage easement,"
2. The boundaries of the conservation easement area permanently marked,
3. Acceptance by the Board of Selectmen,
4. The revision dates for the subdivision plan and the plan entitled "Road Design, Tree Ridge Road" be added to the deed,
5. Minor changes that might possibly be necessary after completion of the Title Opinion.

The Chair and vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission are authorized to sign this conservation easement deed. Paula seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

B. Parker Albee: He is proposing a subdivision on Stone Road.

J. ZBA: we do not know what is on their agenda for their next meeting

K. Board of Selectmen: We will attend the meeting for the Stroud gift presentation.

L. No major announcements.

M. Intents to Cut: Five acres on Route 106 across from A. E. Mitchell. Petersen intends to cut on Sawyer Lake Road. The Boy Scout Council plans to cut 60 acres on Places Mill and Manning Lake Roads.

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Status Report for December 11, 2007 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

1. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. Permit denied. Untimely and insufficient response.
2. Clairmont, NH Route 140, access road for construction vehicles. Permit denied. Reconsideration requested by applicant's family.
3. Gilmanton Fire Dept., Duane Landowner, after-the-fact application for dry hydrant replacement. Permit approved.
4. Rague, Crystal Lake Road, upgrade 15" x 40' culvert with a 36" x 60' culvert. More information received by DES.
5. NHDES Dam Bureau and Sawyer Lake Village District, reconstruct the outlet works for the dam. Under technical review by DES.
6. Zanchuk, Meadow Pond Road, Trail Notification (Gilmanton Snowmobile Association). Under technical review by DES.
7. Linda Hamilton, Stony Point (Rocky Pond), Shoreland Variance Waiver. Under technical review by DES.
8. Daniel Webster Council, BSA, Inc., Places Mill Road. Forestry Notification complete.

B. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – Nothing new at this time.