

Minutes of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission Meeting
held Tuesday, 13 February 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Academy

Present: Sue Hale de Seve, Nanci Mitchell (Chair), Lisa Robinson, Brenda Sens, Dick de Seve

Absent: Paula Gilman Hatem, Ferenc Nagy

Anne Bartlett came to the meeting and is considering becoming a member of the Commission.

Nanci asked Sue and Lisa to vote for our absent members. She announced that we had obtained 50 signatures for our Carbon Coalition warrant article so it will be voted on at Town Meeting on 17 March.

- A. Minutes: Dick moved to accept the Minutes of 9 January as corrected; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Dick voted to accept the Minutes of our special meeting on 5 February; Sue seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- B. Electronic Votes: other than deciding to hold the special meeting on 5 February, there were no electronic votes.
- C. Financial Report:
 - a. After meeting with the Selectmen about paying the Town Forester, we added \$3,150 to our budget in order to settle that bill. The Budget Committee accepted this addition and Tim told us we are authorized to settle that account. Sue moved to pay Brenda Brown; Lisa seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
 - b. The Conservation Fund earned a little over \$1,200 in interest during the year.
 - c. The Budget Committee supported the increase in what the Conservation Fund obtains from changes in current land use.
- D. Status Report: This Report is attached at the end of the Minutes. The only addition is that the culvert replacement on Lakeshore Drive was approved.
- E. Wetland Applications:
 - a. The extension of the culverts on Places Mill Road was approved with numerous conditions.
 - b. More information has been requested concerning the boat ramp on Manning Lake.

- c. Henderson, on the Middle Route, will resubmit his application. He did not know the land had been sold.
 - d. The application for the new trail at the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area is now complete. Brenda moved to submit the application; Lisa seconded and all voted in favor. Tim will take the money from miscellaneous funds and they will be reimbursed from the Conservation Fund.
 - e. Donahue's application for a three-slip dock on Crystal Lake was reviewed. Although there is enough frontage for this dock, we are concerned that most of it is very shallow water. A letter will go to the Wetlands Bureau saying that we do not know if it is navigable.
- F. Complaints/Violations/Concerns
- a. The Fire Department did the dry hydrant at Night Hollow Brook. The Wetland Bureau wrote to them and the Department is doing an after-the-fact application. Nanci provided the maps for that application.
 - b. Marshall Cottages on Manning Lake is doing a restoration as a result of a complaint about sand dumping.
 - c. A complaint was received about ditching on Donovan Road and Bob Flanders will take a look at it.
 - d. Maihiot's addition of a story to his house on Loon Pond is legal.
- G. New Business
- a. We were told that we cannot use our money to send a child to conservation camp because the funds have to be used to benefit all the residents of Gilmanton, not just one. We are going to find out how other towns have managed to do this.
 - b. Preparations for the "Off the Grid" presentation on 22 February were discussed. Lisa will provide bread; Brenda will bring cheese and grapes; Sue and, if possible, Anne, will bake cookies and we will arrange to serve coffee. Nanci will bring a tablecloth, napkins, cups, plates. Posters will be put up in the Post Offices and the stores. The speaker will bring a screen and projector and we will have an extension cord available in case it is needed.
 - c. Ferenc attended the Fish & Game meeting about funding and will report at our next meeting.
 - d. We have been approached about possible Eagle Scout projects. Current ideas—trail guide for the Thompson Town Forest and/or a kiosk; replacement of dying maples on Currier Hill Road; a history of the Pine Hill Town Forest—Mr. Foss would be an excellent resource. We will see what else we are able to come up with.
 - e. Membership: We hope Anne Bartlett will decide to become a member of the Conservation Commission and Nanci will talk with Michael Wright to see if he is able to make the commitment to attend meetings.
- H. Land Protection Efforts:
- a. The possible land sale to Dan Webster and the establishment of conservation land will be discussed at Town Meeting. A survey will be arranged once the outcome of the meeting is known.

- b. Christie has approached the Five River Conservation Trust about holding an easement on some of her land.
- c. The Gilmanton Land Trust currently holds an easement on two pieces of Perkins' land. They would like to transfer it to the town.
- d. Bacon agreed to the draft of the conservation easement. The two-and-a-half acres are important because they are over a major aquifer. Brenda moved that the Gilmanton Conservation Commission approve the Conservation Easement Deed under the provisions of NH RSA 36-A:4, with respect to a one-half (50%) undivided interest in a parcel of land, being unimproved land, consisting of approximately 2.4 acres, situated on Pine Circle, said parcel shown on "Plan of Land in Gilmanton NH owned by Pauline E. Bacon," dated August 1902, and last revised March 1932, recorded at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 36, Page 2829, subject to:
 - i. Approval by Town Counsel, and
 - ii. Acceptance by the Board of Selectmen, and
 - iii. Minor changes that might possibly be necessary after completion of the Title Opinion.

The chair of the Conservation Commission is authorized to sign this conservation easement deed.

Dick seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Roger Murray has been recommended to do the Title Opinion.

- e. Environmental Education: Lisa has additional articles for publication in the Suncook Valley Sun and, we hope, the Laconia Daily Sun.
 - f. Household Hazardous Waste—there is nothing new to report at this time.
- I. Planning Board
- a. The boundary line change on Sargent Road was approved.
 - b. Patty Bosiak submitted a proposal for a small lot on Upper City Road.

Nanci told the Commission of recent announcements received. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Sens, Secretary

The Minutes are not accepted until signed.

GILMANTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Status Report for February 13, 2007 Meeting

A. Wetland Applications

- 1. Town, Lakeshore Drive, culvert replacement. More information requested by DES.
- 2. Town, Places Mill Road, culvert extension to widen road. Permit Approved.

3. Town, Middle Route, after-the-fact application for culvert replacements. Administratively incomplete.
 4. NH Fish and Game Dept., Boat Ramp at Manning Lake. More information requested by DES.
 5. Mitchell, Province Road, culvert to access future barn. Permit approved.
 6. Van Hertel, Sr., Middle Route. Forestry Notification Complete.
- B. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – see meeting agenda
1. Allens Mill Road, dredge and fill in a wetland. Formal complaint received by DES.
- C. ZBA
1. Peterson, Sawyer Lake Road. Copy of deed restriction specifying conservation land has not been recorded at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds. A building permit was issued May 5, 2006.