

Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Tracy Tarr Chairman
Patrick Hackley, Vice Chairman
Susan Hale de Seve Member
Richard de Seve Member
Alec Carpenter Member
Diane Marden Recording Clerk

Minutes of January 18, 2017

<u>Call to Order:</u> Chairman Tracy Tarr called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Chairman Tarr, Patrick Hackley, Dick de Seve, and Alec Carpenter were all present making it a quorum. Sue de Seve was not present at this meeting.

Minutes of November 16, 2016

Chairman Tarr stated at our December 21, 2016 meeting, the board had made some changes to the minutes of November 16, 2016. Ms. Tarr stated the changes have been made the committee must now review the changes in order to sign off on them. Chairman Tarr approved and signed the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Tarr stated the regular meeting schedule for 2017 has been set, and if everyone agrees she would like to sign that. Ms. Tarr stated all the meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. Chairman Tarr signed the 2017 Meeting Schedule.

2017 Budget

Chairman Tarr reminded everyone present that she had submitted the budget, and that she had used the same figures as the 2016 budget. Ms. Tarr stated next year, each department will be required to keep a more detailed approach to things, as previously things were grouped together and taken out of the general fund.

2016 Annual Town Report

Chair Tarr stated she had also submitted the Conservation Commission's Annual Report for the Town Report, and she had written a similar one to last years' outlining 2016 happenings.

Malouin Tract Tax Map 418 Lot 001 (1.4acr)

Ms. Tarr stated we had asked the Recording Clerk, Diane Marden to research the property and she had sent us the property cards. Patrick Hackley stated she had also done some deed research for us as well. Mr. Hackley stated although we have not checked the width of the right-of-way that NH Co-Op has on the property. Chairman Tarr stated it would not have a huge impact on the

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property. Patrick Hackley stated we have done all our research, the property complements the property we currently have, and this would be a donation. Ms. Tarr stated she will ask to be put on the Board of Selectmen's Agenda, discuss this with them, and then hold a Public Hearing.

Patrick Hackley suggested doing a title search on the property to make sure the title is clear. Ms. Tarr stated we still need to vote on this, as so far we have only discussed it. Dick de Seve made the motion to bring the Malouin Tract to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation that they accept it on behalf of the Town. Patrick Hackley seconded the motion. *Motion passes 4-0.*

Patrick Hackley stated he would forward the information to Chairman Tarr so that she may get it to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Tarr stated she will also confirm that there is still interest in gifting the property from the owner.

Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship

Chairman Tarr asked if anyone had any updates on any of the properties. Patrick Hackley stated he had spoken to J.R. Stockwell regarding the Twigg Barn on Meeting House Road. Mr. Hackley stated he has found some additional problems with the window on the North side of the barn which happens to be all rotted out. Mr. Hackley stated he is currently working on the windows, and has noted some other areas of rot. Mr. Hackley stated J.R. Stockwell went to plug in tools, and there is no power. Chairman Tarr stated she would be happy with just paying fuel for a generator rather than turning on the power. Mr. Hackley stated it shouldn't cost much to keep the electricity on, and thinks the cost should be looked into.

Correspondence/Announcements/TO DO LISTS

Patrick Hackley stated he would make contact with individuals who may be interested in becoming part of the commission. Dick de Seve stated his neighbor was supposed to show up tonight but something may have come up, he will check back with him. Chairman Tarr stated she would have the Recording Clerk, Diane Marden run the budget for the next meeting.

Complaints

Chairman Tarr stated there had been one complaint regarding tree cutting along Manning Lake on the shoreline, and she instructed Ms. Marden to give the person the State D.E.S. complaint form.

Town Auction Properties

Chairman Tarr stated Nancy Mitchell had reached out to her relative to a small lot that abuts a conservation property that has a small pond on it that was on the list of Town Auction Properties. Ms. Tarr stated she told her that the Conservation Commission did

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look at the list and the properties we very small lots and the commission had no interest in the properties. Patrick Hackley stated he would express his thoughts about these small properties to Nanci Mitchell. Mr. Hackley stated the majority are no conforming lots and should be offered to the nearest property owner. Ms. Tarr stated she would forward Mr. Hackley the email from Ms. Mitchell.

Adjournment

Patrick Hackley made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Alec Carpenter seconded the motion. *Motion passes 4-0.*

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the Academy Building.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Marden, Administrator/Clerk

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Tracy Tarr Chairman