



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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

Minutes of July 12, 2017

Call to order: The meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Vice Chairman Tracy Tarr, Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, and Conservation Commission Clerk Diane Marden. Member Patrick Hackley and Member Alec Carpenter were not present at this meeting.

Minutes of May 17, 2017

Chairman Dick de Seve signed the Minutes of May 17, 2017 as they were approved as amended at that meeting.

Minutes of June 14, 2017

Chairman Dick de Seve stated there is not a quorum to vote on the June 14, 2017 as Vice Chairman Tarr was not present at that meeting to vote. The approval of these minutes will carry over to the meeting of August 9, 2017. Correction were made to the draft minutes for the next meeting.

Master Plan Survey

Chairman de Seve stated he needs to speak with Mark Fougere the Town Planner relative to the Master Plan Survey questions. Mr. de Seve stated he just wanted to discuss any changes he would like to see are the Natural Inventory and referencing the Fish n' Game Action Plan. Recording Clerk, Diane Marden stated he could submit questions to her, and she can forward them to Mark Fougere.

Town Forest List

A question had been asked about a list of Town Forests and it is somewhat confusion. Vice Chairman Tarr stated she would be happy to review the list with Nancy Mitchell to clarify some of these. Dick de Seve stated he would ask Annette Andreozzi to call him tomorrow.

Other Business

Joe Haas walked into the meeting at 7:30 p.m. as a member of the audience. Chairman Dick de Seve stated he would contact the NH Municipal Association to see how many slots are on the Conservation Commission to determine the number of the quorum for the committee.

29 **Friskie Hill South**

30 Vice Chairman Tracy Tarr and Tom Howe met with the Board of Selectmen and they agreed to use Conservation
31 Funds to purchase the property in the amount of \$42,000.

32 **Moulin Tract**

33 Chairman Tarr stated she and Patrick Hackley walked the property last summer. Ms. Tarr stated if the property
34 needs to be acted upon fairly quickly or soon, we may need to turn it down at this time due to our involvement in
35 the Friskie Hill property. Vice Chairman Tarr stated she believed he wanted to sell or gift the property to the Town
36 of Gilmanton.

37 **Monitoring/Stewardship**

38 **Valley Drive Complaint**

39 Chairman Dick deSeve stated he had spoken to Mrs. Jean relative to a culvert that had gotten damaged and
40 someone had filled it in instead of repairing it. Mr. deSeve stated he would need to go over to Valley Drive which is
41 not a town road, but it would change the drainage pattern. Mr. deSeve stated they may end up needing an
42 emergency permit from DES. So he will try to get out there to look at it in the next couple of days.

43 **Sanborn State Forest**

44 Division of Forestry and Lands will be removing some trees in the Sanborn State Forest to harvest some trees, and
45 will let us know who will be removing the trees, as well as paying the timber tax.

46 **Wetlands Minimal Impact**

47 DES has notified us of a Wetlands Minimal Impact on the property of Maureen Fadden Tax Map 416-032 (462 Halls
48 Hill Road, owner Mark Tilton & Maureen Fadden). Recording Clerk Diane Marden will print map, and ownership
49 forward to Patrick Hackley and Chair.

50 **Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget**

51 **Electric Co-Op**

52 Chairman Dick deSeve asked the Recording Clerk if there were any invoices needing review. Ms. Marden stated
53 just the disconnect and final payment to the Co-Op for the electricity at the Twigg Barn. Mr. deSeve signed the
54 invoice for payment, and explained the Commission had previously discussed turning off the power to the building.
55 Any remaining work to be done by J.R. Stockwell such as the floor will have to be done using a generator.

56 **Christie Field**

57 Chairman Dick deSeve explained that Patrick Hackley had stopped the mowing of the Christie Field until further
58 notice, as he did not feel it needed to be done as frequently as it had been by Mr. Townsend.

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Budget

Chairman Dick deSeve stated 86% of the Conservation Commissions Operating Budget is still in tact stating that was good. Mr. deSeve stated the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Training is coming up in October/November. Vice Chairman Tracy Tarr stated she will be stepping down as a commissioner, but they do hold quarterly meetings if anyone is interested.

New Business

Joe Haas asked about Sanborn State Forest. Chairman Dick deSeve stated the Sanborn State Forest will put out to bid for Timber Cutting of the Forest, the person obtaining the right to cut through this bidding process will then pay the timber tax. This is how they are able to maintain the growth of the forest.

Joe Haas stated he had gone to the Pine Hill Town Forest but had difficulty parking or being able to access the Forest as it is on a Class VI road, and should he park to walking into the Forest it could cause a problem with getting a firetruck into the homes in case of fire. Mr. Haas asked if there is an access someplace to enter the forest as he would like to walk the trails within it. Mr. Haas suggested taking the 10 % Timber Tax and putting it towards obtaining some access points. Chair deSeve stated the Town does not maintain Class VI road, and he believes the people living on the road could petition the Town to re-open the road, and then it could be voted on under SB2.

Mr. Haas stated he had walked the Thompson Town Forest trail and was wondering if that had been an Eagle Scout project putting in the trails. Chairman Dick deSeve stated some volunteered from the GCC, and maybe a few Eagle Scouts as well. Chair deSeve thanked Mr. Haas for his input stating he really appreciates it.

Adjournment

Chairman Dick deSeve stated the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Vice Chairman Tracy Tarr made the motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.. Sue Hale-deSeve seconded the motion. ***Motion passes 3-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Marden

Attested by _____

Richard de Seve, GCC Chairman