



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of May 9, 2018

Call to order: The meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Member Patrick Hackley, New Member Jennifer Baker and Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Diane Marden. Vice Chair Tracy Tarr and Member Alec Carpenter were not present at this meeting. No members of the public were present.

Minutes of March 14, 2018

Member Patrick Hackley made the motion to move as amended the minutes of Wednesday, March 14, 2018 as amended. Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 4-0.***

Potential Conservation Properties – None at this time.

Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship

Members discussed revamping the Monitoring Spread Sheet to include the Date of Inspection, Name of Person doing the inspection, eliminating the old Map & Lot numbers, and Old Acres column as they are no longer needed. Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve stated she would take care of the changes and email it to everyone. She also stated she would email out a list of things to look for while out monitoring the Town Forests. Clerk Diane Marden inquired of Dick de Seve if he had received the Cogswell Mountain Report she forwarded to him from Alec Carpenter. He stated he had, but that it had not been in enough detail for the State. Chair de Seve stated he would print the form from online, and fill it out for the purpose of the reporting based on Alec's findings.

Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolids/Intent to Cuts/Forestry Notifications/Applications

Chair Dick de Seve reviewed all State Notifications and found nothing substantial to discuss. Member Patrick Hackley inquired about intent to cuts, as he had not received any recently for review. Clerk Diane Marden stated she doesn't believe there has been any but would check with Amy Russell to see if any have come in, and have her email them to Mr. Hackley.

Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget – None to discuss.

Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications

Chair de Seve inquired of the Clerk if there were currently any Planning or Zoning Board Applications that they should be aware of. Ms. Marden stated just a Planning Board Application that she had sent to him via email, that he had not yet responded to with comments. Mr. de Seve stated he did not recall receiving one. Ms. Marden went downstairs to retrieve the Planning Board File to review with the Conservation Commission as there were substantial wetlands on the property.

PB Case# SDMIN2018-501 applying for a Minor Subdivision by property owners John & Sharon Zudell who are proposing to subdivide one new lot of 5.3 acres, with 852.53' of frontage along NH Route 140. The remainder of the lot with the existing home and garage/barn will have 95.9 acres, with 600.13' of frontage on NH Rte 140 and 656.30 of frontage on Allens Mill Road. Property address is 224 NH Route 140 situated on Tax Map 413-95 in Rural Zone the Zudell's are represented by Bryan Bailey of Turning Point Land Surveyors & Land Planners.

Member Jennifer Baker stated she lives off Allens Mills Road explaining on the Shellcamp side there is an eagle and loon population. There was brief conversation about the wild life in that area of Town. After reviewing the above PB Case Chairman Dick de Seve stated the Zudell's will need a wetlands permit to cross the existing wetlands all along the road frontage to gain access to the lot. Mr. de Seve stated he also agreed with the Town Planner Mark Fougere that there is a real question as to whether they have the requisite 2 contiguous acres of land on Lot 95-1. It also seems appropriate to ask whether Mr. Zudell then intends to subdivide the larger 95+ acre piece, and where the access road and frontage for that subdivision will come from.

Complaints/Violations/Concerns

Chair de Seve stated he received a couple of complaints this past month. Mr. de Seve stated he had a woman who called about some trees that had fallen along the edge of wetlands on her property line, and the Sanborn Town Forest. She had called the NH Division of Forest and Lands who told her to hire a excavator to lift out the trees. She did not feel comfortable with the answer they gave her, so she called the Clerk who called me. Mr. de Seve did go down to investigate the situation, and it is pretty wet. He explained to the homeowner that the excavator can not dig into the wetlands, but could be used to reach into the wetlands to get the cut up trees out. She felt comfortable with that answer.

Town Employees reported a concern also about the church having equipment near the river to the rear of the church parking lot. Mr. de Seve stated he went to investigate that, and it turned out to be a good friend of his who clearly knows what he can and can't do. Everything was being adhered to.

New Business- Update Town Forest Ordinance

Chairman Dick de Seve read the entire Town Forest Ordinance to those present.

Patrick Hackley made the motion to amend the Ordinance Governing Uses of the Gilmanton Town Forests by adding to Section III, (D) **(4) No target shooting of any kind shall be allowed within any Town Forest in Gilmanton.** Jennifer Baker seconded the amended motion, and ***the motion passed 4-0.***

Due to most recent activity within Town Forests of shooting within Town Forests to the point of damaging trees and causing safety concerns.

Old Business- None at this time.

Correspondence/Announcements- None at this time.

Upcoming Dates- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Adjournment Patrick Hackley made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Sue Hale-de Seve seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 4-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane marden

Conservation Clerk

Attested by:  on 7/11/18
Dick de Seve, Chair Date