



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of April 11, 2018

Call to order: The meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Vice Chair Tracy Tarr, Member Patrick Hackley and Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Diane Marden. Member Alec Carpenter was not present at this meeting. No members of the public were present.

Minutes of March 14, 2018

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

Town Forests/Conservation Property

Chairman Dick de Seve stated the commission needs to monitor and do walk throughs in the Town Forests and Conservation Land Properties. Chair de Seve stated Alec Carpenter had done Cogswell Mountain already, and stated he is awaiting his final report. Chair de Seve stated the commission should target at least one per month until they all have been completed. Five Rivers sends copies of their reports to us, and we should send them copies of ours.

Gale Road-Thompson Town Forest

The Donovan's over on Gale Road phoned me stating someone has taken an interest in target practicing in the Thompson Town Forest by shooting up a few of the trees. Chair de Seve stated we should review and update the Town Forest Ordinance. Member Patrick Hackley stated there should not be any shooting in a Town Forest where people or families are walking the trails. Vice Chair Tracy Tarr suggested a designation of trails maybe some signs need to be placed in certain areas or a posting of the actual ordinance at the entrances. Ms. Marden stated many don't know where to even enter these forests, as people come in quite frequently asking where to park or where to enter the property.

Parties Interested in Assisting or Possible Memberships

Ms. Marden stated Kevin Quigley came in to find out where the entrance was to the Ella Stroud Town Forest, Ms. Marden printed everything she could find relative to the Town Forests and Trails. In speaking with him she found he was a new resident who would love to walk the trails with someone. Ms. Marden took his name and number and passed it on to Chair de Seve. Ms. Marden stated Dave Smith may also be interested in assisting with trail maintenance, and Mr. de Seve should check in with him relative to this. Chairman de Seve asked the board if volunteers are covered under the Town's Liability Insurance? No one knew, Chair de Seve stated he would have to check into it.

Chair de Seve stated we do need to do something about access to the Town Forests, as well as signage throughout. The Chair stated he would write DOT a letter regarding expanding the shoulder for parking on Frisky Hill.

Possible Program

Chair de Seve stated he would also like to get a Flax Retting demo together as a Historical Agricultural Event. VC Tracy Tarr stated he may want to contact John Dickey as she believes he is the one who had put that together in the past and may have contact information.

Adjournment

Chair de Seve stated our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 and that he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Patrick Hackley made the motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. VC Tracy Tarr seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Marden, Conservation Clerk

Attested by:



Dick de Seve, Chair