



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of July 9, 2019

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Richard de Seve.

Those present included Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Chairman Dick de Seve, Member Patrick Hackley, and Vice Chair Jennifer Baker, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. There were three members of the public present.

Minutes of May 14, 2019

Chair de Seve asked commission members to review the minutes of June 11, 2019 and June 25, 2019 for errors and omissions. Member Patrick Hackley a motion to accept the June 11, 2019 minutes as submitted and the June 25, 2019 minutes as amended. Vice Chair Jennifer Baker seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 4-0.***

Old Business

Frisky Hill (Twiggs) Property- Chair de Seve opened the discussion to the public present. Resident Stephen Hopkins noted on the minutes from June 25th (site walk), he felt Chief Currier did not address the residents concerns but did answer questions and give his opinion. Mr. Hopkins referred to the newly staked out area for the pull-off and questioned the placement of the stakes and the design aspect of the pull-off. Member Hackley explained he had placed the stakes based on the discussion with residents at the site walk (June 25th). Just off the shoulder, the concave area would need to be filled to come up to the edge of the ramp. The gravel area would not be a sharp drop-off and would slough gradually into the field. On the night of the site walk, Member Hackley hung ribbons in the general area and used that spot to base the placement of the stakes, continuing 60' either side. Mr. Hopkins requested confirmation that the intent is not to replace one parking lot with another parking lot. Member Hackley confirmed, it would be an extension of what is marked to allow cars to safely pull off the road. Chair de Seve reiterated suggestions from the site walk regarding a no U-turn sign and contacting NHDOT to discuss a lower speed limit on that stretch of road. Member Hackley noted once a decision is reached on the location of the pull-off, NHDOT would need to be contacted for approval. Mr. Hopkins and resident Ernie Gillan agree that keeping the signage to a minimum would be preferred. Conversation of the use of gravel, ledge pack, and vegetation ensued. Member Hackley described the need for an RFP. At this point, he does not believe the area would be plowed in the winter. Mr. Gillan suggested the use of a slope mix, a rooty grass like vegetation to help keep soil in place. Members agreed the use of vegetation on the slope to the field could be looked into. Member Hackley inquired of the residents present if the newly marked location was more acceptable. Mr. Hopkins was in agreement with the newly proposed location, but wished it could be made slightly narrower. Member Hackley will consult with Fuzz Freese (of Gilmanton Land Trust) to see if the area could be altered slightly.

Correspondence/Announcements- None

Wetlands/Shorelands/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications- None

Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget -None

Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-

ZBA notified the GCC, as an abutter, of a variance request for map & lot 128-014, located at 452 NH Rte. 140, owned by the William F. Donahue Rev. Trust. The property owner occasionally hosts cultural speaking events at his property and is applying for a special exception to use as a Recreation Facility – Indoor, per Article IV, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinances. The commission did not see this posing any problems with the conservation land located across the street (map & lot 128-001).

The Planning Board is reviewing a preliminary discussion for a subdivision on Middle Route. The GCC noted there is some wetlands on the property.

Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship-

Chair de Seve stated Thompson Town Forest had been walked. He asked of Clerk Daigneault to contact town forester Ron Klemarczyk to have him remove boulders and sticks from the trails. Member Hackley requested an updated list from Clerk Daigneault of the Town forests so monitoring can be kept up to date.

Complaints/Violations/Concerns-

Jeff Blecharczyk had contacted the GCC regarding well drilling in the Sawyer Lake area. Member Hackley stated the drilling was causing sediments in a nearby brook, of which runs into Sawyer Lake. Chair de Seve will follow up with Mr. Blecharczyk to see if this is still an ongoing issue.

New Business

Upcoming Dates-

Chair de Seve stated he was going to check with Sarah Baldwin-Welcome about setting up an informational table at the Old Home Day celebration on August 17th.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

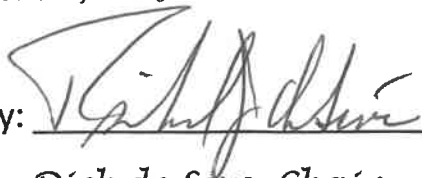
Adjournment

Member Sue Hale-de Seve made the motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jennifer Baker. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Clerk

Attested by:


Dick de Seve, Chair

on

11/19/19

Date