



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of September 10, 2019

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard de Seve. Those present included Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Chairman Dick de Seve, Vice Chair Jennifer Baker, and Member Stephen Hopkins, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Member Patrick Hackley had an excused absence. There were three members of the public present.

Chairman de Seve welcomed new Member Stephen Hopkins to the Commission. He also presented prior long-time member, Tracy Tarr, with a parting gift for all she has done over the years for the Commission.

Chairman de Seve opened the floor to resident Charlie Townsend. Mr. Townsend explained he lives on Route 140 and abuts Town Conservation land. There are trees that have fallen due to past storms, as well as ash trees showing rot and signs of the Emerald ash borer. Mr. Townsend is requesting permission from the Commission to remove the rotted and infected trees from the Conservation land. Commission members agreed to allow Mr. Townsend (as a professional) to remove the trees. Additional workers and equipment may be needed. Mr. Townsend will put together an estimate of cost.

Minutes of July 9, 2019

A quorum from this meeting was not preset to accept the minutes.

Old Business

Frisky Hill (Twiggs) Property- Chairman de Seve read an update with DOT regarding the Frisky hill pull-off submitted by Member Hackley. DOT was concerned with the safety of the pull-off versus that of an actual driveway.

Correspondence/Announcements- None

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

Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship-

Chair de Seve had walked Ella Stroud property and drove through Valley Shores. He had found a large bag of trash at Ella Stroud and will be removing it. Vice Chair Baker viewed a parcel of land on the other side of Shellcamp by kayak. She did see shoreline areas with debris and

garbage on privately owned land. Vice Chair Baker did walk Cogswell recently. The area was in good condition.

Complaints/Violations/Concerns-

Admin. Daigneault had received a complaint of run-off across the street from Crystal Lake. Chair de Seve did drive by this area, but had not seen any run-off or area of concern.

Admin. Daigneault had received a complaint regarding the Jones Trails, but found this was not Town land. The conservation easement was held by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget

An invoice for Charlie Townsend for mowing and cleanup on Town land was approved. It was discussed to increase the mapping budget line to afford additional trail maps. Vice Chair Baker requested to have the Town Conservation Map updated to include newer Conservation lands as the current one is dated 2010.

Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-

Admin. Daigneault described a four-lot subdivision proposed on Middle Route.

New Business

Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Adjournment

Member Sue Hale-de Seve made the motion to adjourn. 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