



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of October 8, 2019

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Chairman Dick de Seve, Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Member Patrick Hackley, Vice Chair Jennifer Baker, and Member Stephen Hopkins, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. There were three members of the public present.

A. Minutes of July 9, 2019 & September 10, 2019

Member Stephen Hopkins made the motion to accept the minutes of July 9, 2019 as submitted and the minutes of September 10, 2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Patrick Hackley. **5-0 in favor**

B. Correspondence/Announcements- None

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship-

Member Hopkins had walked the Frisky Hill properties on October 4th with members of 5 Rivers Conservation Trust. As 5 Rivers holds the easement, they will be submitting the monitoring report to the GCC. Member Hopkins discussed some areas of concern. Older buckets and cans were found near the northern side tree-line. He also noted an open well located in the field with some iron strips protruding there from. This area is slightly covered by some shrubs and saplings but could be a hazard.

Member Hackley requested to have the monitoring report spreadsheet updated with dates of visits.

D. Wetlands/Shorelands/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications

A newer cut on Sawyer Lake Rd was briefly discussed.

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget- None

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications- None

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns - None

H. New Business-

Chairman de Seve updated Member Hackley on the request of property owner Charlie Townsend to remove some damaged trees from conservation land. Mr. Townsend was to be in touch with Member Hackley. Member Hackley stated Mr. Townsend should submit a copy of his workman's comp. insurance policy prior to commencing work.

Chair de Seve had received an online survey from NH Conservation Commission.
Members conferred to allow Chairman complete the survey on the commission's behalf.

I. Old Business

Frisky Hill (Twiggs) Property- Member Hackley had met with NHDOT regarding the newest proposal for an expanded pull-off vs "driveway" to minimize the impact of the field. The engineer at DOT was not in favor of the pull-off. They would like to see a cross section, slope design, and the distance from center line to ensure the pull-off is outside of the State right of way. DOT seem to prefer the idea of a small parking area. Member Hackley will get further information. Chairman de Seve inquired if Member Hackley could discuss the option of lowering the speed limit in that stretch of road. Member Hackley believes this should be discussed with the police Chief for a recommendation. Member Hopkins remembers the Chief stating he has no knowledge of any previous accidents in the area. Currently, there are cars that pull off the road on both sides. Additionally, there is a passing zone for vehicles traveling up the hill causing increased speeds. Member Hackley stated they are trying to provide a safe area for people to enjoy the view, however, at some point the GCC needs to decide how much more effort should be put into the parking area as DOT and abutters seem to be in conflict with the design.

Chairman de Seve opened the discussion to public comments. Resident Fuzz Freese suggested checking with DOT as they keep records of accidents on all State roads. The pull-off design would have vehicles parked mostly in the State ROW. It was discussed to leave the shoulder status quo and create an area for the plaque and dedication boulder.

Resident Anne Onion requested permission to trim the grass on a trail on the Twigg property along Meetinghouse Rd. Additionally, a trail sign was to be placed to dedicate Joseph Urner. It would be verified who is responsible for erecting the trail sign. Mr. Freese inquired as to the status of the kiosk/sign for the barn trails. Member Hackley has the materials and design, just needs to update the carpenter to go forward.

Resident Bill Foster offered to assist with the monitoring of conservation land. The GCC fully accepted Mr. Foster's offer to participate. The list of properties that need monitoring by the Town was reviewed and monitor report forms were distributed. Property owners must be contacted prior to monitoring.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Adjournment

Member Stephen Hopkins made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Patrick Hackley. ***Motion passed 5-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Clerk

Attested by: 

Dick de Seve, Chair

on

12/10/19

Date