



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

PO Box 550

Gilmanton NH 03237-0550

conservation@gilmantonnh.org (603) 267-6700 ext. 122

Minutes of November 19, 2019

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Chairman Dick de Seve, Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Member Patrick Hackley, and Member Stephen Hopkins, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Vice Chair Jennifer Baker had an excused absence. There was one member of the public present.

A. Minutes of October 8, 2019

Member Patrick Hackley made the motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Stephen Hopkins. **4-0 in favor**

B. Correspondence/Announcements-

Chair de Seve informed members and the public of a free home energy workshop presented by NH Saves, partnering with the Gilmanton Energy Committee and the Gilmanton Year-Round Library. Andy Duncan from LRCC will give the presentation on December 4th.

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship-

Member Hopkins updated the commission that the buckets and cans (found on Frisky Hill tract) had been removed and disposed of.

Chair de Seve had received concern regard an open well on the Meeting House tract. It is a smaller opening that could be covered fairly easily.

The larger well opening on Frisky Hill was viewed. The opening is larger, at approximately 6'X10'. It was discussed to place a temporary fencing around the area until a permanent covering could be obtained.

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

A wetlands application for a culvert replacement on Route 129 was reviewed.

Intent to cuts were reviewed for map and lots: 419-89, 135-1, and 406-48. There were no concerns found on the intents.

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget-

The commission received an invoice for membership dues for the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$275.

Member Hopkins suggested budgeting to have the natural resource inventory updated. Admin. Daigneault reviewed the 2020 budget with the Commission. Member Hackley suggested putting together goals to appropriate money for items such as a handheld GPS, mapping training, and the updates to the natural resource inventory. Member Hopkins would like to focus on what items are most important and how they would benefit the Town as a whole.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-

Admin. Daigneault updated members on two subdivisions; one being on Middle Rt, the other on Gale Rd. There may also be another cell tower application being submitted to the planning board.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns - None

H. New Business-

Members reviewed Town owned properties that may be up for auction in the coming years. Member Hackley inquired if by ordinance, abutters were offered the lots prior to going to auction, especially in the Sawyer Lake district. Admin. Daigneault did not believe this was an ordinance, but would research to see if it is a Town policy.

I. Old Business

Frisky Hill (Twiggs) Property- Member Hackley spoke with Mike Kimball at NHDOT regarding the widening of the shoulder for the pull-off. Mr. Kimball advised Member Hackley that he did not believe this would be approved as it does not provide an access or egress perpendicular to the highway. Member Hackley would like to revisit a parking area, possibly utilizing the existing ramp, and making the footprint smaller than the prior proposal. He suggested another site visit to the property, along with DOT, the easement holders, and abutters. Member Hopkins felt the commission would receive a lot of push back should the parking area be revisited. GLT Rep. Fuzz Freese suggested leaving the shoulder as is and just building up an area for the display. Member Hackley stated the purpose and fundraising for the acquisition of the properties was to accommodate a parking area. This pull-off is to provide public access to public property on a public road. Member Hopkins does not feel people are in support of this. Chair de Seve stated there was broad support of this when they were holding the public hearings. Mr. Freese added, the room was full of people in support. Members did not feel an engineering site plan, as DOT was requiring, would be feasible. Member Hackley suggested re-staking the area and hopefully coming to a consensus.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Adjournment

Member Stephen Hopkins made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Patrick Hackley. ***Motion passed 4-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.

Attested by:


Dick de Seve, Chair

on

1/14/20
Date