



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of February 12, 2020

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Chairman Dick de Seve, Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Vice Chair Jennifer Baker, Member Stephen Hopkins, and Member Ed Bernstine, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Member Patrick Hackley arrived shortly after the start. There were no members of the public present.

A. Minutes of January 14, 2020

Member Hale-de Seve made the motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Bernstine. Member Hopkins was not present at this meeting. **4-0 in favor**

B. Correspondence/Announcements-

1. Chair de Seve read a notice from Rebecca DiGirolomo who recently joined the UNH Cooperative Extension as a Natural Resource Field Specialist. Ms. DiGirolomo introduced herself and offered assistance to Conservation Commissions.
2. A Thank You letter was submitted by Barbara Richter, of the NHACC, for renewing the annual membership. Ms. Richter listed recent accomplishments of the NHACC.

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship- None

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

A dredge and fill notification was received and reviewed for work completed on the culvert replacement on Rollins Pond located on Route 129.

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget

Member Hopkins submitted a reimbursement for registration fees for the 2019 NHACC Annual Meeting and for signage purchased to warn people of a potential hazard on Frisky Hill.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-

1. Admin. Daigneault stated the Planning Board would be continuing the hearing on the proposed cell tower on Bean Rd, and, hear a lot line adjustment.
2. Chair de Seve discussed the Zoning Warrant articles. One of the proposed changes is to change allowable uses in some zones. Member Hackley felt there is a balance between development, conservation, and cost of services. Another proposal was to change some uses from special exceptions to conditional use permits.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – None

H. New Business-

Chair de Seve did speak with Abel signs regarding having trail signs created, in particular, a trail sign to rename the main trail at Thompson Town Forest in honor of Ferenc Nagy. Chair de Seve will forward the information once he receives it.

I. Old Business

Member Bernstine inquired of Admin. Daigneault if any additional insurance information was available, as discussed at the prior meeting. Admin. Daigneault confirmed and it was found any contractor completing work on conservation land at a cost of over \$600 should be submitting their own insurance certificate. Volunteers, Members, and the general public are covered by Town insurance.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** (the regularly scheduled meeting date of March 10th is Town voting day).

Chair de Seve asked if there was any other business before the close of the meeting. Member Hackley wished to discuss generating a warrant article for next year to increase the Land Use Change Tax. Chair de Seve discussed information he had presented from a prior GCC member. Member Hopkins suggested putting together a plan to present to the public and budget committee showing the reasons behind this request. He recommends a strategic plan listing the overall goals of the GCC and will work on this for the next meeting. It was discussed adding the update of the Inventory of Natural Resources as a goal. Member Hopkins stated, based on some informal discussion he had had, an inventory could start between \$6,000 and \$10,000. The GCC was in agreement to set goals for the next budget year, which included an increase to the LUCT and to update the natural resource inventory. The formation of a subcommittee was a discussed as a possibility.

Adjournment

Member Hopkins made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Hackley.
Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.

Attested by: *[Signature]*

on *5/11/20*

Dick de Seve, Chair

Date