



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of March 11, 2020

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 Patrick Hackley, Member Stephen Hopkins, and Member Ed Bernstine, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. There were no members of the public present.

A. Minutes of February 12, 2020

Member Bernstine made the motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Hopkins. **5-0 in favor**

B. Correspondence/Announcements- None

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship- None

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

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget

Chair de Seve reviewed the proposed trailhead sign for Thompson Town Forest in honor of Ferenc Nagy. The price would be \$150 for the sign with an option to include a post and installation for an additional \$150. It was confirmed the post would be cedar and the sign would be rough sawn wood of either fir or cedar with routed lettering. It was suggested to add a portrayal of Ferenc to the kiosk.

Member Hackley made the motion expend \$300 to move forward with having the sign made and placed. Vice Chair Baker seconded. **Motion passed 5-0 in favor**

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications- None

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

Admin. Daigneault stated she had received an inquiry regarding property located at 50 Hawkins Ln, which has a Conservation Easement that may be being used for commercial purposes, contrary to the easement. Chair de Seve did not believe the owner had been using the property improperly, but he would reach out to the property owner to verify.

H. New Business-

- Land Use Change Tax- Conservation Allocation- This will tie into the Strategic Planning.
- Strategy Planning & 2020 Commission Goals
Member Hopkins handed members a document he constructed to utilize as a starting point to create a strategic plan. This outlined what the strategy might be and steps to possibly follow. He started with the purpose and values of the GCC. The purpose of the GCC was discussed to utilize, protect, enhance, and/or preserve the natural and watershed resources of Gilmanton. Key topics of the value included insight, rigor, reliability, partnership, persistence, educate (to learn

and teach), transparency, respect (the Town, each other and the environment). Member Hopkins moved onto the workplan portion of the strategic plan. This would include defining the roles and responsibilities of members, as well as looking to recruit additional people to assist. The first step will be to solidify the Commission's missions and goals then find a team to aid in implementing them. Member Hopkins recommended each member take some time to think about the purpose and values, potential paths, and possible candidates to discuss for the next meeting.

I. Old Business

- Frisky Hill- No new progress.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020.**

Adjournment

Chair de Seve closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.

Attested by:



Dick de Seve, Chair

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5/11/20

Date