



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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## Minutes of April 21, 2020

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, Vice Chair Jennifer Baker, Member Stephen Hopkins, and Member Ed Bernstine, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Member Patrick Hackley had an excused absence. Resident Paula Gilman was present as a member of the public.

### **A. Minutes of March 11, 2020**

Member Bernstine made the motion to accept the minutes of March 11, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Hopkins. **5-0 in favor**

### **B. Correspondence/Announcements**

- Paula Gilman submitted a request to be appointed to the GCC. This request will be going to the Selectmen for approval.
- The president of the snowmobile club has requested the Town allow them to reroute a trail slightly and erect new bridges through the Betty Smithers Town Forest. The CC agreed a walk with the club to see the areas of change should be requested with the snowmobile club, mainly to verify the impact on wetlands.

### **C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship- None**

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

- Review of intents to cut for map and lot 403-017 and 408-1. Chair de Seve requested Admin. Daigneault forward to Member Hackley for review.

### **E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget - None**

### **F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-**

- Two- 2 lot minor subdivisions were reviewed for map and lot 419-015 & 416-020.

### **G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns - None**

An abutter to a GCC easement on Bingham Road is wishing to cut a few trees on the easement land. Member Hopkins clarified the abutter is Doug Towle. He has already spoken to the land owner and the neighbors. The owner has given approval and the cutting does not appear to violate the easement. Chair de Seve offered to meet the abutter at the property.

### **H. New Business-**

- Strategy Planning & 2020 Commission Goals  
Member Hopkins wished to discuss the vision and mission of the GCC. Members were in agreement to add to the vision statement draft "for people of all ages and ability levels". The mission

was reviewed and the wording was discussed. Member Hopkins discussed the roles and responsibilities and who may be interested in assisting the GCC with their goals. This included implementing a strategy team and a planning team. The commission reviewed a "to do list" Member Hopkins added to the strategy plan. The next meeting would incorporate discussions around the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges of the GCC.

Chair de Seve wished members to discuss the options for purchasing a handheld GPS. Vice Chair Baker made the motion to spend up to \$500 for two GPS units. Alternate Member Hale-de Seve seconded. **All in favor 5-0**

**I. Old Business**

- Frisky Hill- No update from Member Hackley. Chair de Seve hopes to finalize the pull off area soon.

**J. Upcoming Dates-**

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Tuesday, May 12, 2020.**

**Adjournment**

Member Bernstine made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Member Hopkins. **All in favor 5-0.** Chair de Seve closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.*

Attested by: *[Signature]* on *6/25/2020*  
*Dick de Seve, Chair* *Date*