



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of August 8, 2018

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Vice Chair Tracy Tarr, Member Jennifer Baker, Member Alec Carpenter, and Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Member Patrick Hackley was not present at this meeting. There were no members of the public present.

Minutes of July 11, 2018

Chair de Seve asked commission members to review the minutes of July 11, 2018 for errors and omissions. Corrections were made. Chair de Seve made a motion to accept the July 11, 2018 minutes, as amended. Sue Hale-de Seve seconded the motion. Tracy Tarr abstained as she was not present at the July 11th meeting. *Motion passed 4-0.*

Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship

Chair Dick de Seve reviewed the progress of the GCC monitoring the Gilmanton Conservation Lands. Jen Baker has finished the Meadow Pond Forest and will be filing a report soon. Chair de Seve has not been to Valley Shores, yet. The roads have been impassable on his attempts due to weather. He intends to finish within the next week or two. Other members of the GCC have been encouraged to complete the review of their assigned areas and complete the reports ASAP. Member Jen Baker inquired as to other properties she could walk. Mention was made of Loon Pond Rd land or Kimball Brook.

Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications

Chair de Seve opened discussions about any permits or notification recently taken out that would affect the GCC.

First, was a shoreland permit application submitted by Robert Umanita for cutting on property he owns on Crystal Lake Road, across from Crystal Lake. GCC received a copy of a complaint reported to DES. Chair de Seve completed a site visit of the property and, along with Jeff Blecharczyk of DES, used Google Maps to measure the distance from shore. Part of his property does fall within the protected shore land and he did need a permit. The property owner was unaware he needed a permit and complied immediately. An application has now been submitted.

An application for a new septic system has been submitted at 11 High St. on July 24th. Alec inquired as to who submitted the application. Chairman de Seve did not know that answer off hand.

There was a wetlands permit issued to Crystal Springs Condominium Association for replenishing of existing beach with no more than 10 cubic yards of sand, placed above full lake

elevation on Crystal Lake. That permit is good for 5 years. Mention was made of the condition of the beaches on Shell Camp due to the heavy rains causing washouts.

A letter was received by former Town Administrator, Heidi Duval, by the Forest Society (Society for the Protection of NH Forests). The Society is working with the owner of a 19+/- acre lot to make it an addition to the Foss Family Forest. The Society is, additionally, working on adding a conservation easement to that property.

A membership renewal application was received by the GCC from the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC). The current membership is due to expire Sept. 31st. The smallest amount is the Loon Watcher membership of \$50. Alec inquired as to the benefit of the program. Chairman de Seve explained the LPC provides research to problems that have been causing a decrease in the population and aids in the efforts to preserve the loon population. Sue mentioned concern as to the loss of the many loon chicks this year. Sue Hale-de Seve made the motion to rejoin the LPC. The motion was seconded by Jen Baker. ***Motion passed 5-0***

Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget- Chairman de Seve reviewed the remaining budget. Tracy made the inquiry as to the budget for office supplies to reimburse members for the costs of supplies (printing paper, ink, etc).

Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications- None the Recording Clerk was aware of at this time.

Complaints/Violations/Concerns- Chair de Seve noted the only complaint was for the one property on Crystal Lake Rd. (which was discussed earlier). Chair de Seve had spoken with Jeff Blecharczyk at DES who had already been notified of the situation. The property owner had not known he needed a permit and was complying.

New Business-

Land Use Training

Chair de Seve felt the training was geared more towards the Planning and Zoning Boards, with little information directed to the Conservation Commission.

Old Business- None

Adjournment

Member Alec Carpenter made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Jen Baker. ***Motion passed 5-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, ~~Conservation~~ Clerk

Attested by: Dick de Seve on 10/10/18
Dick de Seve, Chair Date

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