



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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## Minutes of November 10, 2020

APPROVED

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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, Member Ed Bernstine, Member Patrick Hackley, Member Paula Gilman, and Alt. Member Thomas Dombrowski along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. There were no members of the public attending. Due to the COVID-19 emergency order, this meeting was held virtually by utilizing the Zoom platform.

### **A. Minutes**

#### **October 8, 2020**

Alt. Member Hale-de Seve made the motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2020 as written. Member Gilman seconded. Members Baker, Bernstine, and Hopkins abstained as they were not present. **Motion passed 4-0**

#### **October 13, 2020**

Member Gilman made the motion to accept the minutes of October 13, 2020 as written. Member Hopkins seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

#### **October 20, 2020**

Member Gilman requested a resident's name be corrected in the minutes. Alt. Member Hale-de Seve made the motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2020 as amended. Member Gilman seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

### **B. Correspondence/Announcements- None**

### **C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship**

Members Gilman and Dombrowski monitored the Smith property on Frisky Hill and Loon Pond. They will be submitting the report and photos.

Members Gilman and Dombrowski had cleaned up the bushes and invasive plants on the corner of Province Rd, known as Samuel Gilman Corner.

Chairman de Seve updated the members on the quotes he has received from local contractors for the Twigg barn roof. They ranged anywhere from \$7,000 to \$11,000. They will look at the specifics of the quotes, scope of the work, workers comp insurance, warranty of the work and materials, and clean-up costs. Member Hopkins suggested having the roof tarped if the work could not be done prior to winter. The second item with the barn needing attention is the clean-up of overgrowth along the side. Vice Chair Baker had inquired with the school if they had any student volunteers. She was told it is a tough time currently with COVID. Members Gilman and Dombrowski would take care of cleaning this up.

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

There were two intents to cut, one on Meadow Pond Rd, the other on River Rd. Member Hackley had reviewed them and did not see any problems. Member discussed the locations.

**E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget**

Members Hopkins and Bernstine had put together a proposed budget increase with the rationale behind the request. This stemmed from the discussions of requesting an increase to the land use change tax (LUCT). Whereas the LUCT may fluctuate year to year, they felt an increase in a steady budget may be warranted. This year's operating budget has been presented to the Selectmen, but Admin. Daigneault was unsure if the budget had gone to the budget committee yet. Member Hackley felt keeping the operating budget different from the LUCT. The budget committee would need solid numbers to approve an increase in the operating budget. The narrative Members Hopkins and Bernstine have created could be used to incorporate the request of the LUCT. The difference between the Conservation Fund and the operating budget was discussed. It was discussed on ways to increase the LUCT through a warrant article.

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

**G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns**

Chair de Seve has been in contact with a complainant where a property owner may have filled in wetlands during a cut and adding to a driveway. He has not had any contact with the property owner but would be willing to meet with him at the property. Chair de Seve stated he would send a letter to the property owner. He could not say if wetlands have been violated, however he would be able to help him find the appropriate assistance.

Alt. Member Dombrowski inquired of a cut taking place near the Gilmanton/Barnstead town line on Route 107. He believes it may be affecting wetlands. Member Hackley recommended pulling up the tax maps online to see who the owner may be. It was viewed on the maps and hard to tell which town it may be in. Members Gilman and Dombrowski would view drive by the area to see exactly where the cut is.

**H. New Business- None**

**I. Old Business**

NRI update- Some members have not been finding Microsoft 365 user friendly. Member Hopkins offered to walk members through how to use the program. Members have been progressing in their chapters of the NRI.

Vice Chair Baker dismissed herself from the meeting.

Members discussed the timelines for a warrant article for the LUCT. Member Hackley would look into the last few years of regional contributions to conservation commissions. He would also see if he could find any recent data on the number of building permits issued in local towns.

Member Hackley recommended discussing the potential land donation from the Allen family. Members agreed to connect with Mr. Allen to show continued interest. Member Hackley recommended requesting a copy of the deed, a copy of the title policy (if he has one), and a survey (if he has one). Chair de Seve also felt a hazardous waste survey could be requested. Member Hackley agreed a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment should be done. Chair de Seve would email Mr. Allen with the GCC's requests.

**J. Upcoming Dates-**

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020.**

**Adjournment**

Chair de Seve closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.*

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

*Dick de Seve, Chair*

*Date*