



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of February 9, 2021

APPROVED

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Chairman de Seve, Alternate Member Sue Hale-de Seve, Member Stephen Hopkins, Member Patrick Hackley, Member Paula Gilman, Alt. Member Thomas Dombrowski, and Member Ed Bernstine along with the Conservation Commission Clerk Bre Daigneault. Vice Chair Jennifer Baker was absent. There were four members of the public attending. Due to the COVID-19 emergency order, this meeting was held virtually by utilizing the *Zoom* platform.

Chair de Seve called for a moment of silence in honor of resident and conservationist Tom Howe.

A. Minutes

January 12, 2021

Member Hopkins made the motion to accept the minutes of January 12, 2021 as amended with one typo correction. Member Gilman seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

B. Correspondence/Announcements

Chair de Seve announced Vice Chair Jennifer Baker is requesting a temporary leave of absence from the commission. In her absence, Chair de Seve nominated Member Hackley to be vice Chair and Alt. Member Hale-de Seve stand in as a full member.

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship- None

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

- Expedited Wetlands Permit M/L 414-74.2: Nate Fogg of Eric C. Mitchell & Assoc. gave a brief description of the project. The property owners are applying for a driveway crossing over a small stream. The prior owners had previously received wetlands approval but it has since expired. It would be affecting an 86 square foot area. Member Gilman asked for clarification of the location. It is the third lot of a 3-lot subdivision, just passed Sawtooth Rd. With no further questions, Member Gilman made the motion to approve the wetlands application. Member Hale-de Seve seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**
- Shoreland application M/L 104-015: Members reviewed a shoreland application to remove an existing house and construct a new house on a lot fronting Crystal Lake. Members did not see anything on the plan to raise concern. As this is informational only, the commission did not need a vote.

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget

- Member Hopkins inquired on the purchase of the GPS units. Member Hackley would proceed with purchasing the units.
- Barn roof on Meeting House- Chair de Seve was awaiting the contract from Ryan Smith. Member Hopkins questioned the timeframe of the work. Chair de Seve had received the insurance binder. He would contact the contractor again to receive the contract and discuss tarping the roof until spring.

On the topic of the barn, resident Lori Baldwin representing the Gilmanton Historic Society, was requesting the use of the barn as a museum for the society. Ms. Baldwin

feels the barn represents the agricultural and historic heritage of the society. She is requesting to utilize a portion of the barn to have area to formulate their collection and host open museum hours once a month during the summer months. Additionally, they would like to host events to showcase the retting pond and plant a small flax garden. The society could help with mowing and keeping the area clean while not to impose on the mowing. Member Gilman was concerned with security at the barn. Ms. Baldwin stated the society could help with security, for example game cameras could be set up. Currently, the society opens the museum once a week during the summer months; they are requesting to host the museum once a month at the barn. They would anticipate utilizing the space 5-7 times during the season. She feels the addition of a small flax garden, with assistance from a master gardener, would compliment the site. Chair de Seve felt the terms of the easement call for this kind of use. Those that were present when the land was dedicated saw the retting display and it would benefit the community to have again. Chair asked if any members opposed the request. There were none. Ms. Baldwin would put together a schedule for the commission's review. Member Gilman volunteered to meet with Ms. Baldwin at the property to view potential areas for the flax garden. Ms. Baldwin also requested to meet members at the barn to delineate areas inside for appropriate use. Members reviewed a map of the area along with a few pictures of the barn. Member Bernstine recommended cameras be placed on the property as well as signs notifying the use of cameras. It was suggested the property could be dedicated to resident Tom Howe. This would be discussed further with the GLT and Historical Society. Ms. Baldwin would keep in touch with the commission on any future plans.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications

The Planning Board was working on the Capital Improvement Plan. ZBA had reviewed two applications to build on a road that is not class V or better.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns- None

H. New Business

Facebook page- Member Gilman stated resident Ron O'Connor is interested in helping the GCC create a Facebook page. She would need recommendations from members on what should be posted on the site. Mr. O'Connor would be the administrator and members could relay to him what items they wished to be posted. Admin. Daigneault recommend the page not allow for public comment and cautioned having someone outside of the GCC run the page. Member Hopkins felt there should be a specific process in place on how items get posted. Members agreed to discuss content further at the next meeting.

I. Old Business

NRI- Member Hopkins and Admin. Daigneault had worked on a better platform to update the NRI. Utilizing Google Docs seemed to allow for editing. They could share a screen at the next meeting on so all members felt comfortable with the platform.

Allen property donation- Chair de Seve will get back in touch with Mr. Allen on what items he may need assistance with obtaining.

Currier Hill Rd complaint- Member Gilman asked if there had been new information on the potential wetlands violation complaint they had received. Chair de Seve had sent the owner a letter but had not heard anything back. Member Gilman had continued to receive complaints

from abutters. Member Hackley felt the CC had investigated; they do not know what the impacts are. They can monitor but any suspected violations should be enforced by DES. Chair de Seve stated the abutters should be contacting DES with a formal complaint.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Adjournment

Member Gilman made the motion to adjourn. Chair de Seve seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.

Attested by: _____ on _____

Dick de Seve, Chair

Date