



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Richard de Seve, Chairman  
Patrick Hackley, Member  
Stephen Hopkins, Member  
Paula Gilman, Member  
Susan Hale-de Seve, Member  
Barry Christensen, Member  
Thomas Dombrowski, Alt Mmbr  
Soren Denlinger, Alt. Mmbr  
Ron O'Connor, Alt. Mmbr  
Bre Daigneault, CC Admin

## MINUTES

**APPROVED**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH**

Chair de Seve opened the meeting at 7:04pm.

Members in attendance included Chair Dick de Seve, Members Sue Hale-de Seve, Paula Gilman, Barry Christensen, Stephen Hopkins (via Zoom), Alt. Members Thom Dombrowski, Soren Denlinger, and Ron O'Connor, along with staff Bre Daigneault. Member Patrick Hackley was absent.

**A. Review of Minutes – November 9, 2021 & November 29, 2021**

Member Gilman made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

**B. Correspondence/ Announcements**

- Map/Lot 418-021- Member Gilman spoke with a property owner regarding a land locked parcel abutting the Ayers Brook Town Forest. The property owner, Linda Bolton, is interested in donating the parcel to the Commission. Member Gilman made the motion to move the title search and title insurance on both the Allen property and Bolton property not to exceed \$1,000. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**
- Snowmobile Club- Work on the trail on the Betty Smithers Town Forest had not been started yet.
- Electric at the Tom Howe Barn- The cost to turn the electric off and turn back on in spring exceeds cost to keep it on during winter. Members decided to continue the electric throughout the winter months.
- Tom Howe Barn repairs- Members discussed covering windows for the winter.
- Warrant article will be submitted to increase the member numbers from six to seven.

**C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship**

- Member Denlinger walked the two Christie easements with Sarah Thorne, the representative for 5 Rivers. There was some brush dump in easement number 1. It was unclear if it was from the field or from an abutter.
- Member Gilman had reminded members to submit pictures of town owned lands for the town report.

**D. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications**

- A permit by notification shorelands application off Varney Road was received to replace stone steps.

- Admin. Daigneault had received a call from DES inquiring if there were prime wetlands in Gilmanton. It was confirmed, there were no prime wetlands in town.

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

- The electric at the Tom Howe Barn had already been discussed.
- The operating budget had been reviewed by the Selectmen and would move forward to the budget committee as presented.
- The land use change tax warrant article would be moving forward to the ballot with the recommendation from the Selectmen.

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

- Review of PB applications included ground mounted solar arrays and two minor subdivisions. Members briefly discussed the ordinance requiring all ground mounted panels must go in front of PB. One of the subdivisions would involve a wetlands crossing in order to build. ZBA did not meet in December. Member Gilman felt the commission needs to be more proactive with attending meetings of other boards.

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

**H. New Business**

- Member Hopkins had a recent discussion with the Gilmanton Land Trust regarding interest in the Bosiak land for a potential conservation easement. Member Hopkins would meet with land trust to come up with joint letter to send to the property owners.

**I. Old Business**

- Member Christensen had been working on the application for a grant on the Tom Howe Barn.

**J. Upcoming Dates**

- Next work session for the NRI- Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00pm
- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00pm

Member Gilman made the motion to adjourn. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

Respectfully Submitted, Richard de Seve, Chairman