



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, Community
Development Dir.

MINUTES

APPROVED

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

Call to Order

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

There were no members of the public present.

- A. Review of Minutes** – December 14, 2021- Member Hopkins made the motion to accept minutes as amended to reference the barn on Meeting House Road as the Tom Howe Barn. Member Hackley seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**
- B. Public Hearing- Land Acquisitions**
Chair de Seve opened to public hearing for two property acquisitions-
- Property owned by John S. & Ursula W. Allen, located on Middle Route, known as Map/Lot 410-043, consisting of 189.036 acres in the Rural zone.
 - Property owned by Linda B. Bolton as trustee of the Linda B. Bolton Revocable Trust of 1998 and Philip E. Bolton as trustee of the Philip E. Bolton Revocable Trust of 1998, located on Gilman Road, known as Map/Lot 418-021, consisting of 2.3 acres in the Rural zone.
- Both property owners have offered to gift the lands to the town. This hearing is to receive input from the public. Member Hackley recommended the CC re-read the deeds. With no comments from the public Chair closed the public hearing. Chair de Seve spoke with the Allen's recently regarding their land with the conservation easements on Route 140. John and Ursula Allen along with Frank Allen had been discussing this recently and would like to give these properties to the town. They would like to have the properties named the Walch Family Forest. Additionally, Frank would be interested in aiding in the development of trails and constructing a blind on the Middle Rt property.
- C. Correspondence/ Announcement-** None
- D. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship-** None
- E. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications**
- F. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget-** Members reviewed the increase to the CC fund with the deposit of the LUCT from revenues raised in 2021 and the Maher donation. Member Hackley had attended a recent budget meeting. The Budget Committee briefly discussed the warrant article for the increase to the LUCT. It was asked where the other 50% of the LUCT goes; it would be deposited in the general fund. The

Budget Committee would go forward with recommending the LUCT warrant article on the ballot. The Selectboard was also supportive.

- G. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications-** There was a brief review of the agendas.
- H. Complaints/Violations/Concerns-** There were no new updates on the driveway put in on Province Rd.
- I. New Business-** There was a piece of property recently listed for sale off Province Rd. The parcel is land locked and surrounded by the Charles Kelley Forest. Chair de Seve feels the deed restrictions are there to prevent development. Members do not feel this is a priority to conserve with a conservation easement.
Member Hopkins felt once the NRI is completed, it would be a good tool to utilize when discussing potential properties worth conserving.
Member Hopkins and Graham Wilson (of the Gilmanton Land Trust) drafted a letter to send to property owner Patricia Bosiak to show interest in preserving her lands, particularly the parcels surrounding Rollins Pond.
- J. Old Business-** Chair de Seve would like to schedule a work session for the NRI. He would like members to think about what they do and do not want in the appendix. It was decided to hold the next NRI meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26th at 6pm.
Member Christensen updated the commission on the grant application for the Thomas Howe Barn. He would need the history of the barn to submit.
Alt. Member Denlinger gave the Trails Subcommittee update- They are discussing a plan to fix the trails at the Cogswell tract. They plan to meet with neighboring property owners to see if there's potential for expanding the trail system.
Members discussed whether plowing the parking area at the Tom Howe Barn during the winter to allow for safer winter access would be attainable.
Member Hackley wished for members to review the list of lands up for tax sale.
- K. Upcoming Dates**
- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Member Hackley made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Member Denlinger. **Motion passed 6-0**

Attested by: _____ on _____

Dick de Seve, Chair

Date