



# 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

**Wednesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH**

Chairman de Seve called the meeting to Order at 6:05pm. Members present included Chair Dick de Seve, Members Sue Hale-de Seve, Paula Gilman, and Patrick Hackley, Alt. Members Thom Dombrowski, Soren Denlinger, and Ron O'Connor along with staff Bre Daigneault. Member Stephen Hopkins joined via Zoom. Members of the public included Tom Lambert and Marlene Osborne.

Chair appointed Alt. member O'Connor as a full acting member as Member Hackley had not yet arrived.

**A. Review of Minutes – January 12, 2022**

Member Hale-de Seve made the motion to accept as amended. It was seconded by Member O'Connor. Motion approved 4-0

**B. Correspondence/ Announcements**

Resident Marlene Osborne's property abuts the Betty Smithers Town Forests. She is seeing if it is a possibility for the Commission to allow permission to trim the tops of some trees located on the town land. The trees have grown up significantly. They have consulted with an arborist and would have it done with a professional. Chair de Seve feels it would be best for a couple members to meet at the property. Mrs. Osborne stated they would not be removing the trees, just removing a little off the tops. Member Gilman inquired if there were any wetlands they would have to cross to access the trees. Mrs. Osborne stated the area in question does not have any wetlands. She does not feel there would be any big equipment brought in. Chair de Seve felt they could work out a day in May or June to meet at the property with the property owners and the arborist. Member Gilman asked if pictures could be presented. Mrs. Osborne would email pictures of the existing view.

Alt. Member Denlinger will be resigning at the end of this month as he has taken a job out of town. He would still be willing to assist the Commission on certain projects.

Member Hackley arrived to the meeting.

The Commission reviewed of an approval from NH Div. of Forest and Lands for a variance to exceed the allowable basal cut on map and lot 414-007. Member Hackley explained a basal area as being the portion of land occupied by trees. The intent of this is to prevent windthrow after a timber harvest preventing them from creating sediment into the stream.

Resident Tom Lambert introduced himself. He has interest in joining the Commission.

He described his educational background and work history. Mr. Lambert is very interested in trail riding, creating trails, and making the best use of town lands. Members felt he would be a good addition and would recommend his appointment to the BOS.

**C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship**

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

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

There was a brief discussion as to why staff wages were removed from the Conservation budget. All wages for staff in the Selectmen's Office had been moved under the executive budget versus each individual board.

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

The upcoming Planning Board meeting will be a joint meeting with the Zoning Board. There is a boundary line adjustment on map and lots 110-48 and 110-49 fronting Sawyer Lake, a request to build on a private road on Intervale Drive, a subdivision on Willowgrass Ln, and a request for a variance to build within the setbacks at 205 Hemlock Dr.

**G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns**

Ms. Daigneault stated the office has been dealing with a complaint regarding a camper placed on South Rd. It is against the Town's Ordinances for the camper to be placed there. There is additional concern with the means of septic disposal.

**H. New Business**

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Member Gilman has been in touch with Pastor Linda (Bolton) to rename the parcel donation. She felt it could be known as the Bolton Family Forest.

**J. Upcoming Dates**

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022.
- NRI work session- February 22, 2022 at 6pm.

Member Hackley made the motion to adjourn. Member Gilman seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Attested by:  on 4/12/2022  
Dick de Seve, Chair Date