



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Minutes Approved

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
Ron O'Connor, Alt. Mmbr
Bre Daigneault, CC Admin

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

Chairman de Seve called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Those present included Chair Dick de Seve, Members Sue Hale-de Seve, Paula Gilman, Patrick Hackley, Alternate Members Thom Dombrowski, and Ron O'Connor, along with staff Bre Daigneault. Resident and Member of the CC Trails Subcommittee, Lori Baldwin was also present.

Chair de Seve stated membership has been increased (by town vote) to now having 7 full members. He inquired if Alt. Member O'Connor would be interested in being appointed to the full seat. Alt. Member O'Connor agreed. He would need to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Chair de Seve made the motion to make Alt. Member O'Connor a full voting member for this meeting. Member Gilman seconded. **Motion passed 4-0**

Member Hackley excused himself from the remainder of meeting.

A. Review of Minutes – February 8, 2022- Member Gilman as amended. Member Hale-de Seve seconded. Motion passed 4-0

B. Correspondence/ Announcements

- Cogswell Conservation Trail- Lori Baldwin stated the subcommittee had completed several walk throughs of the Cogswell tract. They have identified the first phase of projects they want to do to upgrade the trails. She inquired if these changes should be approved by the Conservation Commission prior to proceeding. Chair de Seve stated that as they are a subcommittee, they should receive approval from the commission. Ms. Baldwin would also like to have the map updated to remove trails that are not currently usable and to add existing trails that are not present on the map. Phase 2 would rework some of the overgrown trails, then update the map again. Ms. Baldwin also inquired of the budget and how to proceed with improvements. Chair de Seve inquired if any wetlands were needing to be crossed. Alt. Member Dombrowski (also a member of the trails subcommittee) stated some areas have wet areas that would need to be reworked and bridges added. They had been speaking with Forester Ron Klemarczyk on having bridges constructed and placed. It did not appear that wetland permits would need to be applied for. Ms. Baldwin would like guidance on how to proceed with requesting funds. Chair de Seve felt the scope of work, materials needed, as well as cost estimates for material and for Ron Klemarczyk's time. Member O'Connor recommended to submit pictures as well of before and after. Ms. Baldwin stated a member has spoken with the school about their utilization of the trail. She would like to have the flora and fauna signs on the trail updated.
- Member Hopkins inquired of the vote to allow Mark Warren to clear the leaning trees on the Tom Howe Barn property. The Trails subcommittee had discussed this about could be of assistance to help Mr. Warren remove the trees.

- Historical Society- Ms. Baldwin stated the Society is having their grand opening for the museum on July 23rd, with rain date on the 24th. A flax community from Deerfield, Mass. will be coming. Ms. Baldwin would like to focus on the targeted repairs that had already been discussed (to the Tom Howe Barn). Member Gilman had just submitted an application to add the barn to the State Historic Registry. They should know the outcome in April. She suggests being frugal with funds until they know if they can receive a Moose Plate Grant. Ms. Baldwin felt some things they could hold off on, but her big concern was with birds coming in to nest. There is one window with broken panes. This would be a priority along with ground maintenance. She is hoping members of the Conservation Commission could be present to help showcase the land and show the partnership between the commission and the society. Member Hopkins said if someone can remove the window, his wife, Judy, could reglaze it. Members discussed having a local contractor give a quote on additional improvements needed.

C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship

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

There was one intent to cut on Stone Rd.

Members reviewed a shorelands application for 7 Eagle Ln. The property owners are requesting to remove an existing structure and rebuild with the same footprint with the addition of a patio to the waterfront. A new septic and well would be installed.

Stephen had received a letter sent to Concord requesting they change the biosolids rules.

Member Hopkins had received a representative on biosolids. He would email for review of the commission.

E. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

Chair de Seve stated they would be meeting with the Selectmen on the budget cuts based on the voting down of the operation budget.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications

Members reviewed the agenda for ZBA.

- 267 Hemlock Dr- Application for a variance to build a garage within the setbacks. The property owners had previously been denied partly due to poor drainage. They have installed drainage around the perimeter and are reapplying.
- 14 Whispering Pines Rd- Application for a variance to build a shed within the side setbacks. The property is waterfront and they are meeting the 75' setback from the highwater mark.
- Tamarack Trail- There are two applications for variances. One is to build on a private road, the other to build within the side and road front setbacks.
- 24 Intervale Dr- Application for a variance to build on a private road.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

DES had called and asked the code enforcement officer to make a site visit to 201

Lakeshore Dr. to review a reported timber cut along the waterfront. It was found the owner had clearcut trees along the water's edge without a shoreland permit.

Member Hopkins inquired if there were any updates on the property on Province Rd, across from Stage Rd. There were no new updates. The property has been left vacant over the winter months.

H. New Business

Member Gilman would like for members to come up with educational topics to engage with the public. They could hold presentations outside of regular meetings. Member O'Connor felt they could also place topics on Facebook, on top of the presentations. They could post articles once a week.

Member Gilman inquired if the parcel near the Kelley Forest (that recently sold) would be renamed. Member O'Connor stated it was purchased by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Chair de Seve stated it would be up to the SPNHF on the name.

Member Gilman would like to just place the name of the Warren trail on the map and not on the property as the abutters were not happy having a sign.

I. Old Business

Chair de Seve went through the NRI appendix. Websites and contact information needs to be updated. He would also like to give special consideration to those involved in helping complete the NRI.

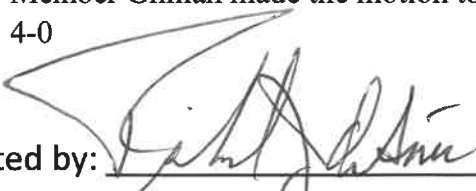
J. Upcoming Dates

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: April 12, 2022

Member Hopkins would like each member to write what they feel their top priorities are from their sections in the NRI. They could come up with a top 10 list of projects they wish to accomplish.

The Allen and Bolton properties were accepted by Board of Selectmen on Monday. The deeds are almost complete. They could anticipate a closing soon.

Member Gilman made the motion to adjourn. Member O'Connor seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Attested by:  on 5/10/22
Dick de Seve, Chair Date