



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
Thomas Dombrowski, Member
Ron O'Connor, Member
Bre Daigneault, Comm Dev Dir

MINUTES APPROVED

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

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

There were no members of the public present.

Call to Order at 6:05 pm.

A. **Review of Minutes** – March 9, 2022 - Member Gilman made the motion as amended. Member Hackley seconded. **All in favor, Motion passed.**

B. **Correspondence/Announcements**

- Cogswell Mt. Conservation trails - Lori Baldwin, Trails Subcommittee - Ms. Baldwin hiked the trails with Ron Klemarczyk. The area that needs the most attention is around the snowmobile trail. They discovered a viable alternate route that would be less expensive. Mr. Klemarczyk sent an estimate for work needed to be done. He gave options for fully doing the work, helping complete some of the work, or show the committee how best to do it on their own. Ms. Baldwin felt the subcommittee could do the work themselves and stated it would be another week to put the cost estimates together. Chair de Seve asked if there was any kind of estimate. Alt. Member Dombrowski felt they would need approximately \$600. The original trail needs 3 plank walks and the other option to reroute the trail would need a plank walk and a bridge. They would be able to avoid adding culverts. Member Gilman made a motion to authorize up to \$600 for placing planks on trails on Cogswell Mt property. Member Hackley inquired where on the property the work would be completed and stated the property owners would need to give permission for the work. Member Hackley inquired if the cut is for a vista on top of Cogswell Mtn. Ms. Baldwin stated property owner Gary Ambelas is on board. Member Hackley asked about chain saw safety on town property. Alt. Member Dombrowski felt the work was mostly brush and hand saws could be used. This would be below the summit adding a view of the lake and mountains behind it. Chair de Seve amended the motion to be contingent upon approval from the land owners. Member Hackley seconded the motion. **All in favor, Motion passed.**
- Betty Smithers Town Forest - Forest Management Plan - Donna Hepp, Chair for the BCCD, explained they have been successful with grants in assisting towns with conservation practices. The forest management grant is good for three years. Forester Ron Klemarczyk had written an estimate for the forest management plan

to be \$4300-\$4500. She suggested a moose plate grant for the adjacent lot that the CC would be receiving as they have had success with receiving these for trail grants. Member Gilman stated moose plate grants are now up to \$20,000. Ms. Hepp said for conservation, it is now up to \$30,000. Member Hackley inquired if grants had been submitted to Fish and Game. Ms. Hepp confirmed they have been approved and they could move forward. It is available until Oct. 1, 2024. She felt Gilmanton could be done next year. On another note, the BCCD will be hosting a plant sale coming up on April 29th at the Old Town Hall in Gilmanton and on the 30th and 1st of May in Meredith. BCCD has worked with local farmers and donated 60,000 pounds of food to charity last year. They are actively recruiting volunteers.

- Pine Hill Town Forest - Paul Osborne, Gilmanton Snowmobile Club - Paul Osborne, Tom Smithers, and Dave Clairmont - The snowmobile Club would like to put in water bars, clean up trash, and would like to put a gate at the end of Pine Hill Rd. Member Hackley inquired about notification to abutters. Mr. Osborne has a form that would need to be submitted. Chair de Seve motioned to approve work on the trails in the town forest and the installation of a gate at the entrance to Rt. 107. Member Gilman seconded. **All in favor, Motion passed.**

C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship

Member Hackley did not feel resident Mark Warren's concern of leaning trees were a hazard on the Tom Howe property. He felt if they were over a trail, there would be a safety issue. Ms. Baldwin said they were the ones by the Urner Trail.

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

PB application - Bear Auto. The application is to utilize the southerly lot on 136 NH Rte 106 for a contractor's yard, more specifically, for the storage of rental dumpsters. The Planning Board had concerned with dumpster runoff into wetlands. Even with the berm, waste may get through.

E. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget

- NHACC dues - \$250
- BRCC membership - \$40
- Market Street Settlement - \$728

Member Gilman discussed a Forest Maintenance Fund. Members had discussed this last year. It could be discussed to be a warrant article next year.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications – Ms. Daigneault discussed the application for a shade structure that is on the ZBA agenda for 14 Kitchen Ln.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

- Town owned land - M/L 132-114 Arrowhead Ln - Chair de Seve went to look at this property. The complaint was about illicit activity at a dilapidated structure.

H. New Business

- Frisky Hill - Gilmanton Community Church Sunrise Easter Service - Chair de Seve asked if the CC would give an ongoing permission unless this gets any bigger. Members felt it was a good idea to keep the Church asking each year.

I. Old Business

- NRI Update
 - Tom Howe CE Map

Member Gilman felt they should be frugal with town funds while they are applying for the moose plate grant. She feels like they could place plywood over the windows since they have not been replaced yet. They need to have a scope of work and get quotes together to submit for the moose plate grant. She is waiting for a quote from Steve Fifield. Mr. Fifield mentioned that drainage would need to be improved. For the moose plate grant an archeological consult will need to be done as well. They will also need to have an electrical quote. Member Hackley talked about keeping with the historical integrity of structure. The windows in the sliding doors are missing panes and need to be replaced. The other window at the peak is missing a pane, as well.

Chair de Seve discussed developing a process to get new members and establishing a vetting process. There are templates for PB and ZBA that could be reworked for CC.

Chair de Seve stated they need to streamline the agenda due to staffing concerns.

Member Gilman asked about the past LUCT distributions that were incorrectly calculated. Member Hackley will write a letter to the finance office. She also asked about the clear cut on Lakeshore. Chair de Seve stated he will check with Code Enforcement Officer Cusson.

J. Upcoming Dates

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: May 10, 2022
Chair de Seve motioned to adjourn. Member Gilman seconded. **All in favor, Motion passed.**

Attested by:  on 5/23/2022
Dick de Seve, Chair Date