



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Paula Gilman, Member  
Susan Hale-de Seve, Member  
Thomas Dombrowski, Member  
Ron O'Connor, Member  
Bre Daigneault, CC Admin

## MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED

**Tuesday, May 10, 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, Thom Dombrowski, along with staff Bre Daigneault and Lauraine Paquin. Absent were members Patrick Hackley, Stephen Hopkins and Ron O'Connor.

Lori Baldwin was present with no other members of the public present.

Call to Order at 6:03pm.

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

Member Gilman motioned to accept as amended. Seconded by Member Dombrowski.

**B. Correspondence/Announcements**

- **Lori Baldwin, Trails Subcommittee**

Walked the Cogswell Trail to look at changes with the property owner, Ursula & John Allen. The funding was based on the approval from the Conservation Commission, does the Conservation Commission want something in writing? Member Gilman motioned to accept the owner's verbal approval. Member Dombrowski seconded. **All in favor, Motion passed 4-0.**

Tom Howe Barn windows that need replacing will need to be removed and repaired. Chair de Seve asked if there was an estimate and Ms. Baldwin stated no. Member Gilman stated any expenses incurred now would not be reimbursed by any grants they are applying for. The windows are currently boarded up. Chair de Seve has some red paint that could be used for the doors. Ms. Baldwin had planted the flax and requested the power be turned back on so she can utilize the pump for water. Members stated the power had not been shut off. Member Gilman asked Ms. Baldwin if she had contacted the electrician as they need a quote and she has not. Ms. Baldwin mentioned the area that had been mowed in the past would continue to be mowed. She has found a portable ramp for \$166 that could be utilized and acquired if the Conservation Commission could split the cost with the Historical Society. Members did not see this would be a problem. Ms. Baldwin will verify with the Historical Society to see if they would be willing to split the cost. She also would be looking into security camera options.

**C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship**

Member Gilman mentioned the UNH Cooperative has manuals for monitoring properties. Chair de Seve mentioned Bill Foster should get one.

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

Staff Daigneault mentioned she had one Intent to Cut that was forwarded and another one that just came in to be reviewed.

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

Monthly Electric Bill

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

Staff Daigneault stated there were no applications but the Planning Board did do the site walk for 136 NH Route 106 two weeks ago and will continue the discussion at the meeting on Thursday. They are looking to recommend leveling and a berm added.

**G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns**

**H. Rte 129 property - Chair de Seve** had viewed and filed a complaint with DES. He had spoken with Jeff Blecharczyk at DES and will be looking into possible wetlands violations.

Lakeshore Dr - DES had been to the property and noticed they had started working again. They spoke with the property owner again and now have hired an attorney.

**I. New Business**

- Gilmanton School is requesting for their story walk on Cogswell Mountain property due to construction ongoing at the school property. Members reviewed photos and a brief description of the walk. Member Gilman made a motion to deny unless the bridges are deemed safe and the work is complete. Seconded by Member Dombrowski. Member Dombrowski asked when would this walk occur and Staff Daigneault stated over the summer. Member Dombrowski stated the bridges might be repaired by then so it would be allowed. Motion was amended to put in a contingency, if the work is done and the bridges are safe for pedestrian traffic it would be allowed. Chair de Seve tabled it until next meeting.
- Conservation Land Ordinance - Member Gilman stated they had spoken to some people with metal detectors on the Tom Howe Conservation Commission land. She explained to them that they cannot dig on the property as they need to have an archeological study done of the property for the grant they are applying to. Member Gilman feels they could combine the Town Forest with the Conservation Lands ordinance. Staff Daigneault mentioned the Town Forest is overseen by the Selectmen. Chair de Seve felt it should remain separate and the Town Forest hasn't been updated since 2006 and should be looked at. Members would review other town's ordinances and regulations to come up with one for the Conservation Lands.

**J. Old Business**

- NRI - Chair de Seve had inquired with Nanci Mitchell and Soren Denlinger on the updated maps that are going with the NRI. Member Gilman would like to have the Bolton deed transferred prior to finalizing the conservation maps. Nanci Mitchell cannot find the big maps in the building so they will need to be duplicated and she does have the pdfs. Member Gilman would like to hold another special NRI meeting to finalize the layout. She inquired if a consultant or Nancy Rendell could review the draft as she wrote the one for Gilford. Member Dombrowski believes they had agreed this would go to an outside consultant back in January or February and

appropriated an amount. Member Gilman mentioned that if the 2020 Wildlife action plan is not in there it should be included.

- Chair de Seve was looking to schedule a day and time around the second weekend in June to hold a ceremony to put up the Ferenc Nagy Trail head sign.
- Member Dombrowski revisited the Osborne's request to top the trees to open up their view. He felt the owners could proceed with the request based on the photos submitted. Members felt he could proceed and could visit post tree trimming.
- Member Gilman discussed the previously proposed sign on the Warren tract. She felt they should let the neighboring abutters know that there would not be a sign placed. She felt Ms. Badger should be notified that in the future there may be a small trail that leads to the snowmobile trail and there will have to be a place cleared for two vehicles.
- Member Dombrowski wanted to revisit the request from Pastor Chris to request to utilize Frisky Hill each year for Easter service. He felt it didn't make sense to have him come back on a yearly basis. Chair de Seve will let him know he has ongoing permission.
- Chair de Seve felt putting together a notebook for new members would be a good idea. Members would look into developing something for all members.
- Member Gilman had been discussing member vetting process procedures. They would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**K. Upcoming Dates**

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: June 14, 2022

Member Gilman made the motion to adjourn. Chair de Seve seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard de Seve, Chairman