



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Paula Gilman, Member  
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## MINUTES APPROVED

**Tuesday, September 14, 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, and Patrick Hackley along with staff Lauraine Paquin.

Absent were members Ron O'Connor and Stephen Hopkins.

Call to Order at 6:00pm.

### A. Review of Minutes – August 9, 2022

Member Gilman had a change on line 23 and 24. Chair de Seve had a change on line 33 and 41.

Member Gilman motioned to accept as amended. Seconded by Member Hackley. **All in favor, Motion passed 5-0.**

### B. Correspondence/Announcements

- Member Gilman reminded the commission to look at the information about the Barberry as there are many grants to eradicate it. She would like input from the commission so she can move forward. Member Hackley mentioned the State now has an Invasive Species Coordinator and there are some funds available for eradication as well.

Member Gilman also stated she had sent to the commission the land ordinances and is still waiting on input from members. Member Gilman did reach out to Barbara Richter previously and the examples that were given to the commission were from her.

Chair de Seve mentioned he has received the Trails Subcommittee July approved minutes and the draft minutes from August.

- Member Dombrowski, Trails Subcommittee Update  
Member Dombrowski stated the kiosk has been fixed and is now upright. He mentioned there was a culvert near the snowmobile crossing that was filled so in the spring it would flood. That culvert has been cleaned out along with the mud and muck prior to the culvert. Richard Maher is ordering some signs for different trail markings. Once the signs are up, they can reblaze the existing trails.
- Member Hackley added that earlier this summer Mark Warren called him regarding the wind throw damage. Member Dombrowski replied they have rerouted the existing trail around the wind blow down. Member Hackley said Mark Warren had suggested they may need to thin that area but would have to check the written management plan to see if that area was a non-harvest area. Member Hackley suggested it is a liability to have volunteers using chain saws on public land. In the future, the commission should have a discussion about chainsaw safety training for any volunteers who are cutting on public land.

### C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship

Member Dombrowski asked if SPNHF or anyone else provide training for monitoring and Chair de Seve replied yes. Chair de Seve will look into when they provide training. Member



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Dombrowski asked if someone on the trails committee can be trained. Chair de Seve replied yes and that would be better since the trails committee are already out there working.

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

Chair de Seve went over the letter from DES for the Markwell property on Lakeshore. He mentioned the Intent to Cut for a property on Allen's Mill as it has a potential wetlands issue so DES will be going out to investigate.

## E. **Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget** - None

## F. **Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications** - None

## G. **Complaints/Violations/Concerns** – Nothing new just the one that is ongoing.

## H. **New Business**

Chair de Seve went over the application for potential new members. He also stated he will reach out to Bill Foster to see if he would be interested in coming on the commission to do monitoring. Member Hackley had some suggestions for changes to some of the questions on the form to be more accommodating. The commission members discussed other changes to the form.

## I. **Old Business – NRI Report**

- Chair de Seve said they need to look at the last part which is priorities. Member Hopkins had put together good discussion about the priorities.
- Member Hackley interjected as he wanted to give an update on Frisky Hill. He met with Fuzz about the proposed parking area and is willing to redo the sketch but they felt it would easier if the ramp was not there. The farmer, Daniel Sanborn, got back to him and is ok with the ramp not being there since there are two other access points to the field. Fuzz will work on the sketch and have it for the committee to review it at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If it is all set then they can work on the driveway permit.
- Chair de Seve asked if anyone had comments on what Member Hopkins put together. Member Hackley stated he is not in favor of a wetlands ordinance and the commission should not be promoting that. He is good with education and prioritizing but there is no need for a wetlands ordinance. There is already a system in place from the State to handle these issues. He can't support the NRI if that stays in there. Member Dombrowski asked if it should be taken out. Member Hackley said it can stay in there but say something like, promote awareness of existing wetland protection laws. They should also be promoting the "Good Forestry in the Granite State" publication. Chair de Seve stated he will make those changes in the NRI.

## J. **Upcoming Dates**

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting: October 11, 2022

Member Gilman made a motion to adjourn and Member Dombrowski seconded. **All in favor, Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard de Seve, Chairman