



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, Com. Dev. Dir.

MINUTES APPROVED

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 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, Patrick Hackley (arrived 6:39 pm) and Stephen Hopkins along with staff Lauraine Paquin.

Absent was member Ron O'Connor.

Public Present: Lori Baldwin and Marlie Lambert - Gilmanton Land Trust Chair.

Call to Order at 6:03pm.

A. Review of Minutes – December 13, 2022

Member Hopkins had a change on line 15. Member Gilman motioned to accept as amended.

Seconded by Member Dombrowski. **All in favor, Motion passed 5-0.**

B. Correspondence/Announcements –

- Lori Baldwin, Trails Subcommittee Update

A year in review update and the budget for upcoming year was given. A discussion about the subcommittees upcoming priorities and to continue providing a monthly update to the commission. There was a discussion on the guidelines to receive donations/materials/in kind donations, grants, and funds for the commission.

- Action Item: Trails Subcommittee to provide a cost estimate and description of the benefits of what is being done based on the 2023 budgeted items for the February meeting.

- There is an upcoming Energy Committee event on Earth Day about electric cars at the library. The information is on the library schedule and the commission will be putting it on the website and the GCC Facebook page. There was discussion about combining a hike afterwards.

- Marlie Lambert from the Gilmanton Land Trust was introduced. There is an effort to collaborate between the commission and the land trust with a member from each attending each other's meetings monthly. There was discussion regarding the potential subdivision on Meeting House Rd involving the First Congregational Society Church property.

C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship – None

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

An Intent to Cut was submitted to cut 60+- acres of the 120-acre parcel on Pancake Hill Rd #423-030. Member Hackley gave a heads up on a bill being proposed with a change to the Intent to Cut filing.

35 E. **Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget** – None

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

37 Reviewed the items on the Planning Board and Zoning Board Agendas.

38 G. **Complaints/Violations/Concerns** – There was a discussion about the Shellcamp Water
39 Survey and a petition warrant article that should be submitted to help control the milfoil.

40 H. **New Business** – Chair de Seve talked about parcel #420-059 as the property owner Henry
41 White wants to donate it.

42 **Motion:** Chair de Seve motioned to accept parcel #420-059, seconded by Member Hopkins.
43 Member Hackley amended the motion with condition of clean title with no unforeseen
44 encumbrances, seconded Member Gilman. **All in Favor, amended motion passed 6-0.**

45 I. **Old Business** –

- 46 • **Warrant Articles** – The Forest Fund warrant article was withdrawn and Chair de Seve
47 will continue to work with Barbara Richter over the next year to write and present a
48 warrant article for next year. Discussion ensued about setting up this fund. In the
49 Warrant Article to establish a Town Forest, in the description it should state the Walch
50 Family Forest not Welch Family Forest.

51 ➤ Action Item: Fix the name of the potential Town Forest.

- 52 • **NRI Report** – Updated maps were received from Soren Denlinger. Send a digital copy
53 (PDF) of the NRI to all members to review before they can approve it.

54 ➤ Action Item: send a digital PDF to all members.

55 There was discussion about working on the priorities list, how to bring in young people to serve
56 on the commission, creating a DES Wetlands Review procedure and, the warrant articles
57 proposed by the Planning Board.

58 Member Gilman will be attending the land trust meeting next Tuesday via Zoom.

59 There was discussion about the notebook for new members that Member Gilman is working on.
60 There was also discussion about potentially creating an ordinance for Conservation Lands that
61 are special like the property where Tom Howe Barn is located.

62 ➤ Action Item: Create a procedure for DES Wetlands Review.

63 Chair de Seve stated the commission needs to begin thinking about a new chair. He will do it
64 one more year but then he is done. When he began the Chair was to rotate every two years so
65 they to have that process beginning with elections in April.

66 J. **Upcoming Dates**

67 Next Conservation Commission Meeting: February 14, 2023

68 Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

70 Respectfully Submitted, Richard de Seve, Chairman