



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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Patrick Hackley, Chairman
Stephen Hopkins, Vice Chairman
Richard de Seve, Member
Paula Gilman, Member
Susan Hale-de Seve, Member
Thomas Dombrowski, Member
Nikita Twaalfhoven, Member
Bre Daigneault, Com. Dev. Dir..

MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Academy Building, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

Members in attendance include Chair Patrick Hackley, Paula Gilman, Thom Dombrowski, Dick de Seve, Sue Hale-de Seve, Nikita Twaalfhoven and staff Lauraine Paquin. Absent was Vice Chair Stephen Hopkins (with notice). Dan and Peg Dockham in attendance as public.

Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

A. Review of Minutes – August 8, 2023

Member Dombrowski had a change to line 13. Member de Seve had a change to lines 11, 24, 36. Motioned by member de Seve and seconded by member Gilman. **All in Favor, Motion passed 5-0.**

B. Correspondence/Announcements – Lori Baldwin, Trails Sub-Committee, spoke about finishing Cogswell by connecting the east and west to create a loop. She will meet with Gary Ambelas as there is a lot of interest in working on Lou Lane. The east peak of Cogswell is signed and blazed and the summit has a view of the lake. The west peak will have a view of the Belknap Branch. Member de Seve mentioned it is Hawk migration season and the east peak might have good viewing. Ms. Baldwin stated the Urner trail kiosk is finished and Christie Owen will be doing a map.

C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship – Member de Seve has done Thompson Town Forest. There has been a report of an open well but it hasn't been located. There was discussion about the monitoring spreadsheet and the monitoring report.

D. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications – All Intent-to-Cuts received since last meeting had been emailed.

E. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget – Receipts from the trails sub-committee were received. The NRI invoice was decided to be paid from the budget not the conservation fund.

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications – The agenda of the planning and zoning boards were read.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns – None

H. New Business – The commission will review the list of town properties to see if they would like to retain any for conservation. There is a tree on Valley Shore Dr that was damaged and it is unsure whose property the tree is on. The Town got a quote to have the tree removed, if it is on the conservation land. Chairman Hackley and member de Seve went to the property and could not find all the pins so they cannot determine whose property the tree is on. The Commission would like an estimate from a surveyor to decide on whose property the tree is located. Dan and Peg Dockham spoke to the commission about putting a conservation easement on their property. Member Gilman read an email regarding 38 acres on Rollins

Pond that the Kelly's are interested in putting into conservation. There was discussion regarding the acknowledgments page that will be going into the NRI.

I. **Old Business** –

- **GCC Priorities** – The commission discussed the outstanding action items and gave updates. Member Gilman stated that Donna Hepp was looking at the Forest Management Plan. Chair Hackley stated he has been communicating with her.
- **Land Donations** – Member de Seve will reach out to property owners to get dates on when the donations can occur.

Member Gilman mentioned there was silt draining into the pond at Tom Howe Barn and pictures will be forwarded to the commission.

- **Thank You Letter** – Member Dombrowski sent to Staff Paquin and she is working on sending it out.

J. **Upcoming Dates** – Next Conservation Commission Meeting: October 10, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick Hackley, Chairman