



# Gilmanton Conservation Commission

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

## MINUTES APPROVED

**Tuesday, October 17, 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). Audra Krumb, Brett & Brenda Currier were in attendance as public.

Call to Order at 6:03 pm.

**A. Review of Minutes – September 12, 2023**

Member de Seve had a change to line 15,24, and 33. Motioned by member de Seve and seconded by member Dombrowski. **All in Favor, Motion passed 6-0.**

**B. Correspondence/Announcements –** Thomie Dombrowski, Trails Sub-Committee, stated the connector trail from East Peak to Cogswell was blazed last week. The map updates have been sent to Soren. The Trails Sub-Committee needs to decide what type of maps they will use. The current map on the kiosk explains what the easement is with a map but he suggested the history of the easement remain and then a separate map for just the trails. Sites like All Trails will be picking up maps from various places and he feels a map on the town website that shows the trails will be the best option. On the kiosk just have the history and what the easement is with a QR code to bring you to the trails map will work. Ron Klemarczyk has done more cutting and opened up the last look to Belknap Mountain. There will be a grand opening of the trail on October 28<sup>th</sup> rain or shine at the back of the library. They are asking the Conservation Commission for a donation of \$50 for the refreshments. GLT will be working with the Trails Sub-Committee on this event. Member de Seve motioned to appropriate \$50 for the grand opening of the Cogswell Trail. Seconded by Member Gilman. **All in Favor, Motion passed 6-0.**

**C. Conservation Easement Monitoring and Stewardship –** Member de Seve has submitted the report for Thompson Town Forest.

**D. Wetland/Shoreland/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications –** Audra Klumb explained the wetlands application for Allens Mill Rd and then Guinea Ridge Rd. There were no issues from the commission and both applications were signed.

**E. Review of Invoices/Costs/Budget –** Chair Hackley presented the estimate to do a survey for the conservation parcel on Valley Shore. Chair Hackley motioned to have the Valley Shore lot surveyed and the corners verified and set for the estimate provided between \$1K & \$1,250. Seconded by member Gilman. **All in Favor, Motion passed 6-0.**

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

- G. **Complaints/Violations/Concerns** – Member de Seve received a complaint on a parcel located on NH RT 140.
- H. **New Business** – Member Gilman discussed ideas for the new member handbook. Member de Seve suggested that it may include the property monitoring report. Member Gilman invited new residents Cathy & Frank Parrott to attend the next meeting. The members are to decide which items are important to be put in the handbook and then the remaining items could potentially go on the website. The commission discussed the bylaws and potential changes.
- I. **Old Business** –
- **Town Owned Properties** – Mr. Nadeau contacted the Town to donate his parcel that is surrounded by conservation land. The commission will review that parcel and all the properties on the town owned list. Their responses will then be emailed to staff Paquin for which parcels are suggested to keep.
- J. **Upcoming Dates** – Next Conservation Commission Meeting: November 14, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.
- Respectfully Submitted, Patrick Hackley, Chairman