

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for August 1, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Member(s) present; Chairman-Carole Hall; Vice-Chairman Lee Duncan, Regular members; Everett McLaughlin and Tom Drouin.

Member(s) absent were Regular members Doug Hill, Larry Routhier John Jude and alternate member John Goodhue.

Also present were: Peter Howard of Stephen J. Smith & Associates, Lisa Morin of the Belknap Conservation Commission and Scott Dunn, Town of Gilford Administrator.

Call meeting to order:

C. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Establish a quorum

C. Hall announced that a quorum was established.

Approval of agenda

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

Presentations

Peter Howard of Stephen Smith & Associates and RJ Harding of Meadowbrook were present to discuss additional employee parking needs. A plan was displayed to show Meadowbrook and P. Howard went over it for everyone.

A wooded wetland was shown and a letter was submitted from TES Environmental Consultants, LLC. P. Howard then read paragraph 3 for everyone with regard to functions and values. We would like to put about 100 parking spaces in this area basically for its location and it would be for employee parking only. We feel because of the limited value in it we wanted to come before you first and see what you would suggest and have you take a look at it and see if you thought there was any way to construct this, and maybe get your support or suggestions. They discussed this being a wooded wetland.

L. Duncan asked if they had thought about mitigation. P. Howard said not really. L. Duncan said that the state would be asking for that.

RJ Harding explained where they are currently parking employees and that they get shuttled from there. We have 950 employees on the roster but maybe 300 of them would be working at any one time.

E. McLaughlin asked if the parking would be gravel. RJ said that he would rather pave it.

P. Howard said that they would have to put in some treatment, but they will have to get and Alteration of Terrain and a Wetlands permit.

Discussion ensued.

C. Hall said that they may need a little more information with regard to the retention and how they would affect the quality of the wetland, so that we can make a more formal decision.

L. Duncan suggested an informal meeting with the state, because they would be the ones that would approve it.

E. McLaughlin suggested a site visit as well.

2nd issue

RJ Harding said that they are having some safety issues with pickups, drop offs etc. in the entrance area and he's hoping to redesign the entire entrance area coming in from Meadowbrook Lane. P. Howard said that there are two wetlands in that area, which he showed the members on the plan. C. Hall said that it'll be wise to have someone research it.

L. Duncan said that he would like some documentation on that as well.

E. McLaughlin said that you should consider a retention pond before you even go to the state. He also suggested gravel or porous pavement macadam for parking area instead of pavement.

3rd item

Lisa Morin, Belknap Conservation Commission District said that she received a call from Rene Pelletier, P.G. of Department of Environmental Services explaining that they understand the fees and funding issues. The email chain said that the DOT is not concerned with threats to the bridge or that site. So, we either come up with the rest of the money or find a way to come up with a different plan. We have discussed altering the existing plans with Randy Shuey. The other thing is that Jeff Marcoux said that there is a protocol with the 319 funds in that they would have to be put out for bid. Where we are is that we have an extension until February. She didn't know if there had been an extension of the grant as well until September of 2018.

Scott Dunn, Town Administrator said that they made it a point that they won't comment until they have a set of plans in front of them. Discussion ensued.

Applications

1. NH Wetlands Permit by Notification for James & Carol Gildea

C. Hall read the proposal at 65 Dockham Shore Rd. The members reviewed the application. C. Hall said that the application had already been signed.

2. NH Wetlands Permit by Notification for Melissa Fullerton Trustee

C. Hall went over the application for everyone.

3. NH Wetlands Permit Application for NHDOT District 3 is widening NH Rte. 11 coming off the US Rte 3 bypass.

C. Hall went over the application for everyone.

OTHER BUSINESS: General Business Discussion

a) Saltmarsh Pond Easement review

C. Hall said that Scott Dunn received a call from Harry Bean with regard to cutting trees down and the easement.

S. Dunn said that because they haven't done any kind of maintenance, they now have things that have grown there that never would have.

T. Drouin said that he received a call from Harry Jr. about it, and he didn't know what the easement said when he was out there, so he told Harry he would need to see what the easement said. They don't want to lose their view and now they can afford to have someone go out there and cut stuff down.

C. Hall said that D. Hill would look at the easement when he gets back.

Discussion ensued.

S. Dunn said that they may need to hire a soil scientist, or Belknap Landscape or someone like that to figure it out.

b) Peverly Forest Management Plan report invoice for \$2,080.00

C. Hall said that E. McLaughlin went over it with a fine tooth comb and T. Nolan did resubmit two binders with the changes.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to pay the invoice of \$2,080.00 out of the Conservation fund. Motion carried with all in favor.

c) Glendale Cove Association invoice for \$13,500.00

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to pay the invoice for \$13500.00 out of the Conservation Budget. Motion carried

d) Dispersal of funds from a timber harvest from Town Forests.

C. Hall asked S. Dunn if there was a designated fund for that. He said that it would have to go before the town for a vote. S. Dunn said that if you would like to get a dedicated fund then you should send a memo up to the selectmen. He explained that a dedicated fund would sit there for forest management services.

C. Hall said that we could use that money for things like the Peverly Forest management plan. All of the members thought that it was a great idea.

e) Site Review

C. Hall went over the application from Winter Harbor for an addition onto the back of the existing building.

f) Other

Approved at the August 15, 2017 meeting.

C. Hall then went over some of the correspondence that came in and if anyone is interested in looking at it, she will leave it on the Conservation desk at the Planning and Land Use office.

MINUTES

June 20, 2017

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Secretary