Approved at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for October 3, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Call meeting to order:
C. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

PRESENTATION(S): none

Application(s): none

The McLaughlin Report: none

OTHER BUSINESS: General Business Discussion

1. 2018 Budget Preparation

The members reviewed the current budget and discussed what to add and change to the budget worksheet.

D. Hill said that Boundary Marking and Annual Monitoring review should be added into the Professional Services account. The members discussed the Conservation Land Fund and that it should be used for acquisition of land purposes.

D. Hill said that this is an ongoing maintenance and the plan needs to be added as well.

L. Duncan suggested requesting $4,250.

E. McLaughlin said that he called Nancy Rendall about the NRI and how much it would cost, but he had not heard back from her yet. He would like to do the chapter, table, and then update the maps but he didn't know the cost. L. Duncan thought that about $2,500.00 might cover it.

Publishing Notices
The members decided to ask for $200.00 under this instead of leaving it at zero.

Leave the Membership/Dues at $500.00.

Meetings/Travel Exp. can will stay at $300.00.

Groundwater Protection can stay at $2,000.00.

Invasive Species Management we can make that $20,000.

Total being $29,750

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by D. Hill to approve the proposed 2018 Budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Forester Maintenance Update

E. McLaughlin did make the Selectmen's meeting, and he said that they didn't know how they didn't catch it at the time. The Selectmen said that they would add in a Forest Maintenance fund. E. McLaughlin asked them if they would at least cover the work that Tim Nolin has done so far plys the $700-800 for him to mark the boundaries.

C. Hall said that they would be discussing this at the next Selectmen's meeting.

3. Conservation Easement Questions

Regarding the property at 278 Belknap Mountain Road, an email from Sergey Malinchik with questions had been received and D. Hill went over his response to the questions. D. Hill explained in an email reply that this would be discussed with the other Conservation Commission Members at this meeting.

D. Hill went over the back and forth email that he had with Sergey.

D. Hill went over the a few sections of the easement for everyone. Discussion ensued.

D. Hill said that we are trying to be cooperative, but without specific information as to where the green house or the orchard would be, it is difficult. If they want to give us a specific proposal, then we can give him a specific answer.

D. Hill said let's start by asking if the 5 responses that were provided to him are in general accord recognizing the question with regard to the green house and the orchard,. For instance how big it is and where it is going and there are planning and zoning elements that are not within our authority.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin

E. McLaughlin said that there is a field on the property that is being used by bobolinks, a species of special concern whose number are declining.

The members reviewed the plans.

Motion carried to allow C. Hall to write a very general letter.

4. Lake Winnipesaukee Association – Water Quality Monitoring invoice for $1758.00

C. Hall read the letter received requesting $1758.00

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

CORRESPONDENCE/WORKSHOP:

C. Hall went over the information received since the last meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 19, 2017 were postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Secretary