

**Gilford Conservation Commission**  
Minutes for September 19, 2017

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Member(s) absent were Regular members Tom Drouin, 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 D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

**PRESENTATION(S):**

1. Peter Morrissette: Smith Cove milfoil

P. Morrissette passed out a milfoil budget worksheet that shows 7 years' worth of donations.

He then went over the locations of where they have been hand pulling and how things are looking. He said that the worst areas have been the Gilford Yacht Club and the backside of Fay's and that they have spent about 58 hours inside of Fay's hand pulling. The rest of the cove looks good. With the extra money, that you have given us we have been able to pull at Glendale Bay, and the Glendale docks including the trash and we have been getting plenty of trash out of there. We will end up with the same amount of money at the end of the year that we did last year.

He said that Amy Smagula, NH DES did a survey of the cove about 3 weeks ago and she made a map except for the Gilford Yacht and inside of fays, but he will get you a copy of that map,

He said that we've done well in keeping up with the money and this is the 8th year and we've done a great job with this.

He explained how they scoop the milfoil into trash bags, and then they have the Department of Public Works pick them up and they bring it over to the compost area.

The Conservation Members thanked P. Morrissette for coming to the meeting.

2. Tim Nolin: Forest Stewardship Plans for Peverly Town Forest and Robert Tilton property.

Approved at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

He stated that for the Robert Tilton property the number one thing that should be done soon would be to mark the boundary lines. He could probably do it for about \$781.00 and that includes 2 gallons of boundary paint.

Relative to questionable access to the Tilton parcel for a timber harvest, he said that the first step would be to talk to the people at the Boy Scout camp. He did not want to be traipsing around in there without anyone knowing. He thinks that there is a septic in the middle of the old access road and that maybe it's a pump system. He would contact whoever is running the place down there, see what that is, and see if they are aware of the road.

Daniel Webster Council is who he thinks owns the property.

D. Hill said that they may have info on the septic system at the Gilmanton Town office and they may know something about the Woods Road.

We will deal with the boundary's and the access first.

He went over the Robert Tilton information and discussed the trees, and the brook, waterfalls and etc.

The Peverly Town Forest, he proposed spending an hour or two over there, see if he could find those boundary pins, and get it to the point where he can paint them.

D. Hill asked about the terrain and T. Nolin replied that it's low and wet. The other issue is the never-ending battle with the trucks, ATV's, dirt bikes and snowmobiles and how they use the trail. How do you control that, nobody knows. In some areas it is so wet it's just standing water for 50 feet

T. Nolin asked if we had any contact with the local snowmobile club, because he could contact them. They are the ones that are really on those trails, and he's had some good dealings with the snowmobile clubs in Conway, It might be worth finding out what club maintains the trails down there.

Discussion ensued.

### **Application(s)**

Wetlands Permit by Notification, Docking Structure Repair for Silver Sands Motel & Marina, Inc., at 103 Weirs Road, Tax Map & Lot # 223-097.000. Project Description: Repairs to existing permanent marina docking system and bulkhead walls (repaired on the landward side with no work "in the water") "in kind" with no change in size, location, or configuration as per previous permits.

The members reviewed the application. Discussion ensued.

C. Hall said that a concrete slab would need to be replaced because it had been temporarily repaired through the summer.

L. Duncan said that the particular area gets whacked constantly by the waves.

They are only working on the jetty nothing else, said C. Hall.

Approved at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Discussion ensued.

C. Hall said that she would call them and find out what AA and BB referred to on the plan.

D. Hill said that it is obviously something that needs to be repaired, so he has no problem with it.

We do not need a vote on it, because it is an Expedited application, so one of us can sign it.

### **The McLaughlin Report**

E. McLaughlin had nothing to report at this time.

### **OTHER BUSINESS: General Business Discussion**

#### 1. Forest Maintenance Account

C. Hall said that she met with Scott Dunn, Town Administrator and showed him the articles with regard to the Forest Maintenance account. She also did some research and pulled some of the old files and made notes. Therefore, we would not have to do a warrant article on this due to this information.

L. Duncan said that if and when we had the money in that account, where would that be now? It looks like now we can take a vote here and then go to the Selectmen.

C. Hall said that she got a lot of information at the NHACC.

She said that she also showed S. Dunn the report from Tim Nolin and after all that information, she said that he did seem a little surprised.

It will be presented to the Selectmen at the next Selectmen's meeting in September and C. Hall said that she would be attending that meeting.

L. Duncan said that the town has a semi audit and believes that all of the receipts would be in there. It does go quite a ways back like in the 90's.

E. McLaughlin said that in addition to a timber harvest on the Robert Tilton lot which brought in around \$45,000, there was a harvest on the Wilson-Weeks Town Forest and where did that money go?

They discussed the many things that could be done with the forestry money. They discussed putting the money back into the conservation fund and paying Tim Nolin from the Forestry account.

E. McLaughlin said that its noted in the Wilson-Weeks management plan about the harvest and we do need to find out the date for that as well.

#### 2. Budget Worksheet

L. Duncan passed out the work sheet budget to everyone, so they could look at it and see if they would like to add anything, or make any changes.

L. Duncan wanted to know if everyone could him the information by October 13, 2017.

Approved at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

C. Hall said that the members need to think about how much should be added to that budget item for the services that we've been paying out of the Conservation Fund.

E. McLaughlin said that we do need to update the NRI and all of the maps. L. Duncan said that we should have money in there every year for that, because that is a rolling type thing that will always need to be updated.

3. Site Review

C. Hall said that the Airport Authority was on the last agenda and she reviewed the application for everyone. The members were able to review the plans as well.

4. Other

**CORRESPONDENCE/WORKSHOP:**

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

**MINUTES**

September 5, 2017

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by E. McLaughlin to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017 as amended. Motion carried with L. Duncan abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Secretary