

GILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for August 18, 2020

The Gilford Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Gilford Town Hall and via telephone conference call under emergency order provisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present: C. Hall Chairman, Vice Chairman - Lee Duncan, Regular Members Larry Routhier, and Everett McLaughlin and Regular Member Doug Hill was on the telephone.

Members Absent: Regular member Tom Drouin and John Jude and Alternate John Goodhue.

Also present were: Chris Nadeau of Novis Group and Cynthia Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman-Carole Hall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM: Carole Hall announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS:

1. NH Wetlands Bureau, Standard Dredge and Fill, After-The-Fact, Minimum Impact for Gilford Hills Club Property on 314 Old Lake Shore Road, Tax Map & Lot # 224-068.000

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the application and the plans.

C. Balcius said that they have been working with the David Andrade, Code Enforcement officer and that they have been out to the site to do the test pits. They have gone to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau in January. The owner knew that he was going to expand the building based on the design plan that Novis Goup did, but he didn't know about impacting the wetland. So, in looking at the map Novis superimposed with your map it was missed, we all missed it.

Stoney Ridge Environmental finally filed the application and trying to get the logistics down path and we received the notice that you were meeting tonight, so here we are.

C. Hall said that there has not been anything submitted yet for the proposed site changes

Chris Nadeau with Novis Groupsaid that the first step was to submit to the Wetlands Bureau and depending on how that goes then a site plan will be submitted. It will be for two indoor soccer courts, which will need an entryway and additional parking. So, really the parking lot will be closest to the wetland.

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C. Hall asked if the contractors had any idea that there were any wetlands there. C. Balcius said that they were looking at the old plan, which didn't show the wetlands. C. Hall said that they were told to stop and the Code officer brought them a plan showing the wetland area.

C. Balcius said that we are going backwards on this, and there really is no way without doing some sort of impact.

They went over the impact to the wetland and the functions and values, storm water treatment, detention pond, grading and emergency overflow.

L. Duncan asked about a storm water maintenances plan and inspections. Yes, it will be done. E. McLaughlin said that it should be made mandatory, because these things need to be maintained.

C. Hall asked if there was a fine for an after the fact permit. C. Nadeau said that there was no fine.

E. McLaughlin thought that they should do some litigation. Because it's after the fact, there would be some costly effect, because there would be a cost if you were to bring the wetland back to the way it was.

C. Balcius explained why they weren't fined, due to the minimum impact.

C. Hall said that they could recommend that the application be approved or denied, that they remove the fill, restore it back to the natural wetlands area.

L. Duncan said that it might cause more damage to try and restore what's been done, although he was not happy about the situation. C. Hall said that we had the application for 3 weeks so will need to take action on it soon. Does anyone want to do a site inspection?

D. Hill said that in his view, the application should be denied, that the fill should be removed, and that the wetland be restored. It is an obvious area. It can be done, but it may not always be successful. He didn't see this as something that needs forgiveness. It was obvious what was going on.

Motion made by D. Hill to recommend denial of the permit and to require the fill to be removed and the area to be restored, seconded L. Duncan.

L. Duncan wants the restoration plan to be done without creating more damage and he concurs with D Hill. D. Hill said that maybe a retaining wall would be needed in keeping with the design.

L. Duncan said that T. Drouin was the first one down there and he did mention to the gentlemen that he was disturbing the wetland and that the gentlemen paid no attention and continued working.

L. Routhier agreed with L. Duncan and didn't want to see this causing more problems, but he also likes the idea of adding the retention pond. L. Duncan said that if the state were to deny it they would take it into consideration.

C. Balcius said that with all respect to D. Hill she hasn't had a case where that had occurred, where they were going to do an after the fact permit and denied it. Sometimes people fill

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wetlands for no reason. Discussion ensued.

Voting in favor of the motion were E. McLaughlin, by L. Duncan and D. Hill and against was L. Routhier.

2. NH Wetlands Bureau, Standard Dredge and Fill for The Beaches at Winni at 261 Dockham Shore Road, Tax Map & Lot # 216-032.000. The proposal is to replace an existing legal crib-supported dock which is 770 sq. ft. Reducing the size of the dock to 616 sq. a reduction of 54 sq. ft., which will lessen impact and rate safe/better navigation space.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the application and plans provided.

L. Routhier said that it will be narrower so it'll give them more room to navigate. So this will allow for adding more boats, it's about 2 more feet.

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by E. McLaughlin to recommend approval as per plan and application. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PBN that came in today for 12 Welch Island, for the repair of an existing breakwater and for seasonal boat lifts.

C. Hall went over the application, the members reviewed and didn't see any problems with the proposal.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin to recommend approval as per plans and application. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Laconia Airport Authority – 65 Aviation Drive

C. Hall said that the airport application came in for the tree clearing, it is a huge booklet, and that she was thinking that it should be added to the next agenda.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier to place a hold on the application and add it to the agenda for the next meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

NON-PUBLIC:

(If Needed) Non-public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Nothing to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Glendale Cove Association Invoice for Milfoil removal request for \$13,500.00.

C. Hall said that Peter Morrissette has submitted the invoices and she went over them for everyone.

Motion made by L. Duncan seconded by E. McLaughlin to pay the invoice for \$13,500.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Weeks Update

C. Hall discussed what she went over with Don Berry.

D. Hill said that they did put up some information of how much money they'd received, but that's where it stands. He knows that they have finished a few other projects and they are able to get into this project. They did send out an email to a large mailing list, so hopefully that will work.

E. McLaughlin hasn't seen anything in the newspaper and thought that there should be.

D. Hill said that Anna would be the one to try and contact over at LRCT office in Center Harbor.

3. NH DOT Bridge Preservation

C. Hall said that there are 3 bridges that the NH DOT will be working on and asked if the members could go through the information in the next couple days and get back to her with your input. So, she could get a letter out to them.

4. 1467 Lake Shore Road site remediation and pipe replacement

C. Hall said that the state is looking for an application for the pipe itself, and they are looking for some funding on that. David Andrade, Code Enforcement officer has been pushing for this project, so that something will get done.

C. Hall has been courtesy copying the Laconia Conservation Commission to make sure that they are aware as to what is going on.

5. Laconia Airport abutter notification

C. Hall said that a letter was received from John Pelletier, PE for Jacobs as an abutter notification for the removal of trees in the winter.

6. Site Review update

C. Hall went over the proposal of Irwin of at Blaisdell Avenue.

She said that we walked this site back in 2017 with Laconia. C. Hall then passed along the application information. So, this is absolutely the same proposal but the plans don't show any proposed buildings. The State Wetlands permit is still good and the Planning Board approved them last night.

7. McLaughlin report

E. McLaughlin said that he's not sure where to go with this or not, but the Selectmen decided to dissolve the Land Conservation Task Force. He will be addressing the Selectmen next Wednesday.

C. Hall said that she knows that he has put a lot of work into that.

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E. McLaughlin said that in no way shape or manner was it ever discussed with him or any other member of the task force. He said that he felt sad, not angry about it.

8. Other

The retaining wall at Ellacoya is slowly eroding said D. Hill, and the units that make up the seawall are noticeably blown out and after a good winter they will be right back at it.

CORRESPONDENCE/WORKSHOPS

C. Hall said that there are approved applications and other informational type things that are located in the office if anyone is interested in looking at them.

MINUTES

July 21, 2020

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020.
Motion carried with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by E. McLaughlin adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Technical Assistant