GILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for April 6, 2021

Conference Room A and GoToMeeting Video Conference

Under the emergency order provision related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

On Video Conference were: Chairman- Carole Hall, Vice Chairman - Lee Duncan, Regular Members Doug Hill, and Larry Routhier

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

CALL TO ORDER:​ Chairman-Carole Hall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.​

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

1. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Robert Smith Rev Trust at 211 Dockham Shore Road.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the application. C. Hall said that we can make sure that the conditions say only recommending approval, that the hold be released based on our assumption that it will be the only structure on the lakefront.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to recommend approval. Motion carried

2. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Matthew Benson at 64 Belknap Point Road.

D. Hill recused himself.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. She said that it looks like they are removing a permanent dock that was within the 20’ setback and adding a crank up and moving it back to meet the 25’setback. It has about 315 feet of Lake Frontage. There are a many people moving to seasonal type dock, due to ice damage said, L. Duncan. The members didn’t see any issues with it.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier to recommend approval as per plan and application. L. Routhier wanted to know if the dock was going to jet out into water traffic. It doesn’t look like it will any more than the original dock said C. Hall. It’s shown on the plan and it looks to be about the same distance. Motion carried with D. Hill abstaining.

3. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Gail A. Wildstein Irrevocable Trust at 122 Varney Point Road Left.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the application. L. Routhier said that the pictures are a bit confusing. C. Hall said that it looks like we received it on March 24, 2021, so we can wait to vote on it until the next meeting. We can make a motion to release the hold pending L. Duncan go take a look at it and report out on it.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to differ the application until the next meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for 118 NH 2015 Trust at 118 Varney Point Road Left.

C. Hall asked if L. Duncan wanted to take a look at this one as well. L. Duncan would be glad to take a look at it.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Routhier to differ the application until the next meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Lake Shore Park Association at 2600 Lake Shore Road.

C. Hall stepped down as chair for this, and L. Duncan took over.

L. Duncan read the proposal for everyone. Also on GoToMeeting was Randall Shuey of Northpoint Engineering, LLC.

L. Duncan said that they would be using a small machine down to the area most of them if they are using an excavator and then have a track go down, a skid steer can carry about a yard or so.

Randal Shuey has been working with Berry Engineering on this and the marina is been having issues over the years. He said that there’s sediment that he’s not sure where it came from. There was road construction further up that may have been one of the sources and it could be from development in Gunstock Acres.

D. Hill said that the sewer line still has many rough edges that is producing sediment from gunstock. R. Shuey said that there is an excess coming in from the south end, and on the north end it’s the sand migrating down across Ellacoya and goes across Poor Farm Brook. It’s a situation that needs to be taken care of immediately. We’ve come up with the minimal dredging possible to maintain and not have to come back in a year or two. He’s reached out to Ben at Island Services.

We’ve talked about method and materials and we agree with L. Duncan and the way that I’ve have written it in the application is a little simplistic and he will work on that. Probably using trucks will be the most effect way to do it and quickly, it’s a small moving current and dividing the sections into two will probably be the best option. L. Duncan said that it was his major concern.

D. Hill said that this is obviously absolutely essential and it has really minimal environmental impact and it has a huge impact for the folks at Lake Shore Park. Is there some way to recommend to the NHDES that we approve it, that they will be working with Northpoint Engineering, LLC and Lake Shore Park? R. Shuey will come up with some come of plan as to the removal of the spoils. L. Duncan said that if R. Shuey can provide a way of removing those spoils. We can recommend subject to establishment of an appropriate plan to dispose of the spoils.

R. Shuey said that we have an onsite way of testing for contaminates. It’s a small dredged area and I feel fairly confident, other than the turbidity and the shallow depth of the water.

L. Routhier said that everything looks in order to him, the lake has come back a bit and is still 3” below lake level but you will still need to dredge.

Motion made by L. Duncan to recommend removing the hold and approving the application subject to Lake Shore Park working with NHDES and establishing a plan for disposal of the spoils that is satisfactory to the NH Wetlands Bureau. Seconded by L. Routhier. Motion carried with all in favor.

R. Shuey said that you will have something before your next meeting. D. Hill asked them to let the Commission know when they start the work.

C. Hal resumed chair.

6. Ryan Bruehlmann - 74 Terrace Hill Rd

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the information and were concerned with the dredging.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Routhier to release the hold, recommend approval and let them know that we do have concerns about the dredging. Motion carried with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Tim Nolin – Annual Monitoring Proposal

C. Hall said that he sent this in and you all have the proposal and the invoice came in. Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to have C. Hall sign the invoice. Motion carried with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE / WORKSHOPS**:**​None

MINUTES:

March 2, 2021

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Routhier to approve the minutes of March 2, 202. Motion carried with all in favor. Not a formal meeting although it was public Steering Committee meeting.

March 16, 2021

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Routhier to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier to adjourn the meeting of April 6, 2021. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Technical Assistant