GILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for July 20, 2021

Conference Room A and GoToMeeting Video Conference

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Chairman- Carole Hall, Vice Chairman - Lee Duncan, Regular Members, Doug Hill, Tom Drouin, Larry Routhier and Alternate John Goodhue

CALL TO ORDER:​ Chairman-Carole Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.​

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Routhier to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

31 Dock Road - Dredge discussion

C. Hall stated that she wanted to know what the members would want her to include in the letter. The members discussed that the applicant was going to send a notice to all of the other property owners down to the point, maybe that could be included.

T. Drouin stated that he knows that they will be coming in with a new proposal.

D. Hill said that we had at the last meeting there were a number of discussions. And there were those additional abutters that aren’t immediate land abutters, but they are water abutters were going to be notified of the proposal. We are expecting them to come back, but we haven’t seen anything formal.

T. Drouin said that maybe something could have changed from what he heard.

C. Hall said that Britt Eckstrom had stated at the last meeting that they were going to send something to the NH DES, but that she hadn’t heard anything about it. C. Hall said that she did send an email out to B. Eckstrom asking if there was any additional information, but she hadn’t heard back.

J. Goodhue said that if he was a taxpayer at one of those houses he wouldn’t be happy about it.

He was confused as to why they needed the extra space. They don’t even have enough help to run the boats that they do have. He understands that they will be reviewing the distance between the docks, so that’s good. He just thinks that the people across the way, that will be looking at the docks weren’t formally noticed and we need to make sure that they are aware. We also need to let NHDES know that we are on this and that we are expecting changes and maybe a revised submission, and that we are expecting that those other abutters get noticed.

C. Hall will put a letter together and send it down to them.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin to have C. Hall write and send a letter with those comments. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Hall reported out on a Shoreland application for Edward and Rachel Chidsey on 305 Dockham Shore Rd.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Weeks Parcel

D. Hill wanted to bring everyone up to date. He said that Russ Wilder made arrangements for a volunteer to do the mowing. He said that Matt Tarr recommended that it not be mowed until August 1st or later. So at this time there hasn’t been anything done yet. They did take some evasive down, but that’s about it. The reason to not do it in the summer is that they don’t want to spread the seeds around.

The other topic is a parking lot. We haven’t done anything with regard to that.

D. Hill brought everyone up to date.

C. Hall said that she did discuss it with John Ayer, Planning Director and he would like to some sort of plan with regard to the parking. And she did talk to the DPW Director, Megan Theriault and she has plenty of materials that we can use. We just need to let her know how much we need.

D. Hill said that the parking will remain in the flat level area and we will need to pay attention to the drainage. We will like to add a small kiosk with a small map as well.

The next step is to discuss it with BRATTS, but hasn’t taken it to that stage yet, but he will.

C. Hall said that we did get the additional funding at the end from Lakes Region Community Land Trust. So I don’t have any problem using the money for the parking. D. Hill said that there might be the possibility for a small grant as well, but he would look into it.

The second part of that would be the trees, with regard to the conservation land and we did have Tim Nolin look at it for us. We did have trees that had to be taken down, and the there was damage caused to the Johnsons property. There was something in the report about other trees near the property line. Scott Dunn, Town Administrator had asked about specifically the trees on the conservation land. L. Duncan thought that it had been taken care of by the insurance company.

L. Routhier said that when a tree comes down and damages someone else’s property then their insurance covers it because it would be considered an act of god

L. Duncan said that it is something that should be addressed so that no further damage occurs.

2. 55 Harris Shore Rd/ Town property

C. Hall said that there some docks moved at this property. They also had the Dive Bar at one of the docks. The question is if we want to pursue them putting the dock back to where it was originally.

D. Hill said that there was an original dock that is shown on the photograph. We should have the NHDES send a letter to the owner saying that they should put the dock back in its previous location. The letter should just say to the NHDES to take enforcement action on it and to have the dock relocated to its original location. And if they added anything additional, well that would require an additional application.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin to have C. Hall send a letter to the NHDES.

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. Conservation property – 10 Guild Circle

C. Hall said the property owner next door to 10 Guild Circle, which is town owned conservation property. He asked if he could purchase this property from us to merge it with his lot. He was thinking that if he puts them together that he’ll have enough dry land to build a house. We all know that it’s wetland.

D. Hill said that it just seems like a marginal development. If we did agree to the request then we would have to bring it to town meeting for a vote.

Motion made by D. Hill said that the Conservation Commission considered the suggestion and at this time we aren’t interested in removing this parcel from the Conservation Commission status.

Seconded by T. Drouin. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Site Review Update

C. Hall said that we did meet last Monday and she just reported out on the few applications from the site study meeting.

5. Other – nothing at this time.

MINUTES:

April 20, 2021 minutes

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by T. Drouin to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

June 1, 2021

Motion made by J. Goodhue, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with L. Routhier abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE/ WORKSHOP

C. Hall went over the latest correspondence for the members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan to adjourn the meeting of July 20, 2021 at 8:10 pm. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Technical Assistant