GILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for March 16, 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 7:10 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPLICATIONS

1. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Douglas & Susan Flint at 135 Dockham Shore Road.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone and went over the plan. The Members reviewed the application documents. L. Routhier didn’t see anything controversial with the proposal. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by L. Duncan to recommend approval as per application.

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Puneet & Geeti Gangal at 193 Dockham Shore Road.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The Members reviewed the application documents.

L. Duncan he didn’t see any protective measures for ice damage. D. Hill said that they are putting in a pilling supported boat lift and isn’t the ice going to push that around. Maybe we could just note it in the letter.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to release the hold, recommend approval and note that in this location they would be better served by adding an ice cluster structure.

3. Standard Dredge & Fill, Wetlands Permit Application for Thomas & Tara Benson at 56 Terrace Hill Road.

C. Hall read the proposal for everyone. The members reviewed the application information provided. L. Duncan said that it’s a great idea, but probably won’t work. D. Hill said that it probably won’t last very long, because there is a lot of action in this location. L. Duncan said they didn’t mention what they were going to do with the spoils. D. Hill said that we should mention something about the spoils. It looks like the rail road bed goes right by there. D. Hill said that it’s not an outrageous proposal for the rough shoreline, but we should comment that they need to be careful as to how they go about construction. Discussion ensued. D. Hill didn’t see a real problem with it how much was going to be dredged? L. Routhier said that it looked like 970 square feet. D. Hill can we make a comment that we have some concern that the dredged area will be requiring periodic maintenance dredge permits. L. Routhier liked how D. Hill phrased it but maybe we should add permitted.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Johnson wind damage (if needed)

C. Hall stated that they will be having someone taking the trees down soon.

1. Tim Nolin Weeks Forestry proposal

C. Hall said that they sent in the proposal invoice for $850.00 for Tim Nolin for Forest Land Improvement. Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to pay the $850.00 invoice. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Hall said that she did ask Tim Nolin to do the annual monitoring that he’s been doing for years. He said that he would get back to us on that.

1. End of year budget report L. Duncan.

C. Hall said that she just wanted to close up last year’s budget. Discussion ensued.

1. Site Review

C. Hall said that they reviewed two applications. The first one was for Gilford Hills Tennis Club and they want to add two outdoor soccer fields. She said that they want to smooth out the area and add plantings in that wetlands buffer area, so they will be submitting an application to the state for that. They did get an after the fact Wetlands permit for the wetlands, as they were filled. The hearing was supposed to be heard last night at the Planning Board, but they did not get heard. They were tabled to the April 19th meeting.

She told them that there would be a Wetland Scientist on site and that there will be no additional fill.

They will come back to John Ayer, Planning Director with additional information regarding parking

They also have a Phase II, which will be for an indoor soccer building.

The other application was for Spinnaker Shores Condominium to change two units from seasonal use to year round use. L. Routhier explained that they already have two units that are year round and so they would like to make these other two year round also.

1. Other

D. Hill said that he did go out to the Weeks property with DPW to discuss the parking and the curb cut. After looking at it with Meghan and Kyle and getting their input it’s really not a good idea. It’s an expense, and is more complicated than we thought. Their view that the additional section where the existing curb cut is would be fine. So, it looks like we will most likely be using the existing curb cut and driveway, and building a small gravel parking area in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE / WORKSHOPS**:**​Saving Special Places in April (Virtual)​

MINUTES:

January 19, 2021

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by D. Hill to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2021 Motion carried with all in favor.

February 16, 2021

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by L. Duncan to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Technical Assistant