GILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for October 19, 2021

Conference Room A and GoToMeeting Video Conference

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

On Video Conference: no one

Present were: Chairman- Carole Hall, Vice Chairman - Lee Duncan, Regular Members Doug Hill and Alternate Robert Brown

Absent members were: Regular members Larry Routhier and Tom Drouin and Alternate member John Goodhue.

CALL TO ORDER:​ Chairman-Carole Hall called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.​

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

VHB sent in NRI, and C. Hall presented it to everyone.

APPLICATIONS - None

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.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to go into non-public. A roll call was taken and motion carried.

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by D. Hill to come out of non-public. Motion carried with all in favor. No action was taken in non-public.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan that the Conservation Commission approves the Boundary Line Adjustment configuration proposed on the DMC Survey plan and that we move forward to negotiate the price based upon an appraisal to be paid for the by Christopher & Holly Harris with transactional expenses paid by C. Harris. Motion carried with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Hedgewood Circle update – this was discussed previously.
2. DMC Surveying – invoice for $1,800.00 for survey of 48 Hedgewood Circle.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to pay the invoice for $1,800.000. Motion carried with all in favor.

1. Smith Cove - Milfoil - invoice

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by R. Brown to pay the invoice in the amount of $3,500.00 for milfoil removal. Motion carried with all in favor.

1. Budget 2022 update

L. Duncan stated that the selectmen did meet with him and there was $1000.00 removed from the budget he presented, but he thought that they were still in good shape.

1. Tim Nolin - Easement update

C. Hall stated that we did get a 2-part invoice from Tim Nolin, which she went over for everyone.

1st part – Forest Land Improvement invoice for $850.00 for easement monitoring and update reports/maps of 5 parcels.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan to pay the invoice for $850.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

2nd part - An invoice in the amount of $250.00 came in for the easement monitoring on Rogers property so that needs to be paid from the Forestry Fund under the Rogers account for the payment of the annual land monitoring.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to recommend that the invoice be paid for $250.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Hall would like a motion authorizing here to send a letter addressing the easements. D. Hill said that it would be nice to give each of these landowners a copy of these reports.

C. Hall said that she would put together a cover letter for each of them.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by R. Brown to authorize C. Hall to send a letter and to attach copies of the recent reports. Motion carried with all in favor.

1. Weeks trail - update

D. Hill said that there were 8 crewmembers that went out there to do some trail maintenance.

Boswell should really be thanked for doing that,

D. Hill said that he and R. Brown have been charged to move forward on the parking area and we will go out there, make some recommendations, and come up with a sketch. We should come up with one that we can take to the site study committee for input.

Discussion as to possibly adding a roadside culvert, expanding the apron, and adding a small but contained parking area. The idea would be for 5-6 parking spaces.

C. Hall stated that they did contact the abutters on the left hand side that they said that they would like access through in order to log. So they would be logging on their own property, but would need an access.

D. Hill said that most easements prohibit using the properties for commercial purposes, so that may not be legally possible but he will read that.

Discussion ensued.

1. Other

C. Hall asked the members if they would authorize her to sign the NRI invoice when it comes in.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill to pay VHB the $885.00 plus whatever the cost would be for the CD and USB and to allow the invoice to be signed by C. Hall in the amount of $1000.00 or less. Motion carried with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE/ WORKSHOP

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

MINUTES:

September 21, 2021

Motion made by R. Brown, seconded by L. Duncan to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021. Motion carried with D. Hill abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by R. Brown adjourn the meeting of October 19, 2021 at 8:34pm. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart, Technical Assistant