

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for July 17, 2007 Meeting
Approved on August 7, 2007

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan, Everett McLaughlin, Douglas Hill, Tom Drouin, Larry Routhier, Rudy Lehr, Carole Hall and Donald Sibson.

Members Absent: Chairman, John Goodhue; Chuck Coons; Paula McDonald

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by Lee Duncan at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by C. Hall, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. APPLICATIONS:

1. Standard Dredge & Fill Application. Randall & Sara Cail Tax Map & Lot #219-006.002 located at 24 Mark Island.

Applicant proposes to impact approximately 1562 square feet of wetland to install the following:

1. Permanent piling supported docking structure consisting of two (2) 6' x 30' piers connected to a 4' x 44' pier by a 36' x 6' walkway in a "W" configuration.
2. Two (2) 14' x 30' seasonal canopies over the interior boatslips, and two (2) tie-off piles located to the west of the structure.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed and reviewed the application.

Action (if any) To Recommend to NHDES denial as plans are excessive.

Motion: Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by D. Hill to recommend to NHDES to deny the application as plans are excessive but request the agent or agent's representative to explain and discuss application at the next meeting on August 7, 2007. Also, the Commissioners need exact information and copies of letters to the abutter of the proposed seasonal canopy and detail information concerning water depths as per requirement by NHDES.

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Barbara Aichinger, Tax Map & Lot #221-007.000 located on Edgewater Drive.

Applicant proposes to impact approximately 928 square feet of Wetlands to install the following:

1. Construct a “U” shape piling supported dock with two 6’x 35’ piers with a 6’ x 12’ connecting walkway to provide 3 boatslips.
2. Install two, three piling ice protection clusters and four fender pilings.
3. Install seasonal boatlift and two seasonal PWC lifts.
4. Install access stairs to dockage 6’ wide to be constructed “over the bank”.

Discussion: The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the application.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Hall, to correct the note on Lot #7 from Lot #6 and to accept application for approval with normal siltation measures installed prior to construction.

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PRESENTATIONS-

1. Tim Nolin, Forest Land Improvement, Inc. Landowner Goal Assessment discussion.

Discussion: The Commissioners reviewed access to the Town Forest and option of different access points. Step one is to have Tim Nolin to review the deeds to help determine wording in the deeds pertaining to access to the Town Forest. Have an actual surveyor identify the boundary lines. The Commissioners discussed wildlife benefits, but something should be done soon, according to Tim Nolin with the forest. The school access point appears to be the best choice for access. Tim Nolin mentioned China, Maine having a wood lot behind the school, which they have managed for the last +/- 30 years, and it may be good model to use with our own forest and school.

Action: To create a sub-committee: L. Duncan, J. Goodhue, P. McDonald, D. Hill and T. Nolin to meet with the Commissioners at the September 4, 2007 meeting.

Motion Made by D. Hill, seconded by D. Sibson, to pay the bill submitted by T. Nolin ASAP.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT- By Everett McLaughlin

Discussion: E. McLaughlin told the Commissioners he has spoken to The Belknap Range Group about the Belknap Mountain Range in setting priorities. Still waiting on raising funds for the Person Farm Acquisition.

5. OTHER BUSINESS None

6. MINUTES- June 19, 2007 meeting

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Sibson, to approve the minutes from June 19, 2007 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Drouin