

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for November 6, 2007 Meeting
Approved on November 20, 2007

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman, John Goodhue; Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan; Everett McLaughlin; Douglas Hill; Larry Routhier; Chuck Coons; Rudy Lehr; Carole Hall and Planning Director, John Ayer. Also present was Georgie Johnson from Ron Johnson Surveying.

Members Absent: Tom Drouin; Donald Sibson and Paula McDonald.

Call meeting to order:

J. Goodhue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the agenda as amended to include Saltmarsh Pond Conservation Easement discussion. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. APPLICATIONS:

1. **Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Lake Shore Park Association, 2600 Lake Shore Rd., Gilford Tax Map & Lot #252-016.000**

Applicant proposes to rebuild a 40' section of stonewall along the waterfront located at 2600 Lake Shore Rd.

Discussion: J. Goodhue suggested the Commission complete an on-site inspection after the Ames Farm site Walk scheduled of November 9, 2007 at 1:30, possibly at 1:30 pm if the agent can make it.

Action: The Commissioners will ask S. Verdile Philibotte to contact Mr. Kirkland to set up the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. **Standard Dredge & Fill Application of John & Gina Dineen
Gilford Tax Map & Lot #218-022.000, 318 Edgewater Drive, Gilford.**

Applicant proposes to install 4 pilings for an overhead boat slip, 2 additional pilings as tie off fender pilings and for support of a proposed 14'x 30' seasonal canopy.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the non-conforming use of the deck over the water. With the new dock it would exceed the rule on the length (40'). The depth is not known. The Commissioners questioned whether the overhanging deck has to comply with the regulations.

Motion: Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by L. Duncan, to question the NHDES on the conforming or non-conforming deck and would the application need to be re-written and brought into conformity. The abutters would also need to agree that the canopy would not restrict their view. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Georgie Johnson, Alpine Drive.

Discussion: Georgie Johnson gave a brief presentation and updated the Commissioners on the request from the property owners to allow a stonewall to remain in the Town Right-of-Way. She explained she has received recommendation in favor of the proposal from the Planning Board and has made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

Action: The Commissioners decided to recommend approval of the proposal.

Motion: Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by L. Duncan, to recommend approval of the request as shown on the plan submitted. Motion carried with all in favor.

b) Saltmarsh Pond Conservation Easement- D. Hill

Discussion: D. Hill gave a history of the easement and explained the timing is critical now, as it should be completed by the end of the year. He would like the Commissioners to sign the easement at this meeting to present to the Selectmen next week.

Motion: Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by C. Coons, to accept the easement and have Chairman Goodhue sign the Conservation Easement Deed as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin

Discussion: He explained a grant had been received in the amount of \$44,250.00 from LCHIP. E. McLaughlin applied for a grant to the NH State Conservation Committee (Mooseplate.com) to fund a consultant to conduct a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town which would cost \$10,000.

Motion: Motion made by R. Lehr, seconded by C. Hall, to pledge 25% of needed funds (from the Current Land Use account) toward the Natural Resource Inventory and the State would fund the remaining \$7500 if the grant were approved. The decision will be made in February. Motion carried with all in favor.

6. MINUTES- October 16, 2007 meeting

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Routhier, to approve the minutes from October 16, 2007 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C. Coons, seconded by L. Routhier, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Coons