

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for February 5, 2008 Meeting
Approved on March 4, 2008

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman; John Goodhue, Vice-Chairman; Lee Duncan, Everett McLaughlin, Tom Drouin, Chuck Coons and Donald Sibson.

Members Absent: Douglas Hill, Larry Routhier, Paula McDonald, Rudy Lehr, and Carole Hall.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by T. Drouin, to modify the agenda with application #4 taken first. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. APPLICATIONS:

1. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Donna N. Johnson, Revocable Trust, Gilford Tax Map & Lot #221-017.000, located at 4 Broadview Terrace, Gilford NH.

Applicant proposes to repair breakwater from ice damage, addition of a 12' boat slip, install canopy and repair and replace existing pilings.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the size of the proposed canopy of 33'x 30' and how much it may restrict the neighbor's view. Also, the neighbors must advise the Commission that they approve the design and impact.

The Commissioners discussed approving the application in sections. They discussed granting approval to repair the breakwater from ice damage, the addition of a 12' boat slip and replace the two fender piles.

They discussed not recommending approval for installation of a canopy over the second boat slip because of lack of structure on the northwest side and a proper support structure for outside of the canopy should not be allowed as shorefront distance is not sufficient.

The Commissioners also noted there is a discrepancy in the shorefront dimensions between 135'-145'. Further, the abutters need to approve the sight lines from the canopy.

Action: To approve the application for repairs and one boat slip but not for the canopy.

Motion: Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the application with the following recommendations:

1. Repair the breakwater from ice damage.
2. The addition of a 12' boat slip.
3. Install pilings for boatlift.

The Commissioners do not recommend approval for the following portions of the application:

1. The installation of a canopy on the second slip because of the lack of structure on the northwest. The proper support structure is not recommended because shorefront distance is not sufficient.
2. There is a discrepancy in the shorefront dimensions of 135'-145'.
3. Abutters need to approve the sight lines from the canopy.

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, James & Kim Geyer, Gilford Tax Map & Lot #217-091.000, located at 55 Shore Rd., Gilford NH.

Applicant proposes to rebuild existing dock, add seasonal canopy with a boatlift and replace buried waterline.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the dock as pre-existing, non-conforming. They noted there needs to be letters from the abutters stating they approve of the installation of the seasonal canopy.

Action: Recommend approval.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Sibson, to approve the application with the following recommendations:

1. Abutters should submit letters stating their approval of the proposed canopy in the file.

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Paul & Brigid Gaudet, Gilford Tax Map & Lot #221-029.000, located at 59 Broadview Terrace, Gilford, NH.

Applicant proposes to reconfigure two docks, add boatlifts and seasonally canopies and construct a perched beach.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed that the two structures are non-conforming and removing them would require the project to be conforming.

Action: To recommend denial of the application.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Sibson, to recommend denial of the application for the following reasons:

1. The project is currently non-conforming and replacements would have to be conforming.
2. The waterfront distance only allows a four boat structure.
3. The dock is no longer allowed.
4. Abutters should submit letters stating their approval of the proposed canopy in the file.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Philip Roux Trust, Trustee Philip Roux and Susan Weldon Francke, Gilford Tax Map & Lot #208-003.000, located at the Junction of

Swain, Cotton Hill and Young Roads in Gilford, NH.

Applicant proposes to dredge 1100 SF of wetlands for a proposed subdivision.

Discussion: Ron Johnson presented for the applicant and explained the proposed subdivision plan. He said there are two wetland crossings with 1100 SF of total impact. He explained the drainage tiles that were installed to drain the horse pasture. Attorney Regina Nadeau, representing the applicant, explained that 61.92 acres that is held in fee simple that they are proposing to transfer to the Town of Gilford but at this point it is not part of the current application.

Action: To recommend approval.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the application. The motion was amended to approve the application with the following recommendation:

1. No further subdivision to take place on the property.

Motion carried with E. McLaughlin abstaining from the vote.

3. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time.

5. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin None at this time.

6. MINUTES- December 4, 2007 meeting

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from December 4, 2007 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

November 20, 2007 as amended

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from November 20, 2007 as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Coons

