

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for July 15, 2008 Meeting
Approved on August 19, 2008

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan; Everett McLaughlin; Douglas Hill; Carole Hall, Tom Drouin; Chuck Coons; Paula McDonald; and Rudy Lehr.

Also present: John B. Ayer, Director of Planning and Land Use.

Members Absent: Larry Routhier, Donald Sibson and John Goodhue.

a. **Call Meeting to Order:** L. Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

b. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. PRESENTATIONS- Meadows Committee

Discussion: Tim Drew explained the location of the fields also the 2 acres of wetlands that would be created by filling existing wetlands. Paul Fluet, engineer for the Meadows, discussed drainage of the fields toward Intervale Rd. creating a new swale area, re-grassing total area when completed. Elevations were discussed, adding two (2) feet to this area of fill in the proposal. About 60,000 cu ft will be brought in to raise fields. The basin that will be created was determined using 3" of water over field. All admitted upwards of 12" or water has been on these fields a few times in the last few years. E. McLaughlin questioned could the fields be used if only one foot of fill was used. R. Lehr questioned could drains on existing fields be utilized. Andy Howe, owner of Beans & Greens, discussed past floods in this area and the 60 +-acres that flood. He also gave pictures he has taken to P. Fluet.

Questions to P. Fluet were presented by the public.

3. APPLICATIONS: None at this time

4. OTHER BUSINESS: Business or discussion items that may come before the Commission.

1. **Planning Board application-"Tackle Box Storage"**

Discussion:

No one in attendance from the applicant, DES recommended building size be reduced, also DES will be receiving the application before the Conservation Commission will see it.

Action (if any): None

2. Prime Wetlands discussion:

D. Hill discussed wetland setbacks that other Towns use, i.e. Laconia and Meredith. Commissioners discussed last attempt to get Planning Board to put on Warrant Article. Should be proposing this again this year.

3. NHDES/CSPA Training on August 11, 2008, Meredith

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Hill, to approve one-hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00) to allow six Conservation members to attend NHDES/CSPA Training on August 11, 2008. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin: No new information.

6. MINUTES- July 1, 2008 meeting.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by R. Lehr, to approve the minutes from July 1, 2008 as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by R. Lehr, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Coons