

**Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for February 17, 2009 Meeting
Approved on March 3, 2009**

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman, John Goodhue; Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan, Everett McLaughlin, Carole Hall, Larry Routhier; Chuck Coons; Donald Sibson; Tom Drouin, and Douglas Hill.

Others present: Nancy Rendall, Blue Moon Environmental Services.

Members Absent: Rudy Lehr and Paula McDonald. Also absent: John Ayer, Director of Planning and Land Use

Call meeting to order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried with all in favor.

2. APPLICATIONS: None at this time.

3. PRESENTATIONS

1. Meadows discussion

Discussion:

Paul Fluet, Fluet Engineering, representing the Meadows Committee and members of Meadows Committee were present to discuss the application. P. Fluet said he has not met with Amy Clark of NHDES on the Alteration of Terrain permit and he mentioned his walk around the Meadows Property with Andy Howe and Kevin Hayes. He spoke on his plan to create under drain plan for the fields; this idea came from Rudy Lehr at a previous Gilford Conservation Commission meeting. P. Fluet said he is still committed to Barry Keith as their soil scientist. He said their plan includes filling less than 10,000 SF of wetlands and only 5,000 SF will be permanent. He also mentioned the wetlands (prime) he has located on his plan from Steve Smith's plan. It does not line up with wetlands map in the planning office. P. Fluet said plans submitted are only progress plans. Chairman Goodhue mentioned they had been submitted to the NHDES. P. Fluet admitted they had been.

P. Fluet said the flood plain area needs to be located accurately in order to not generate a costly flood plain study. He said he would work with Amy Clark on establishing this line. C. Hall said they need to establish the prime wetland line. D. Hill mentioned to P. Fluet the Conservation Commission's concern is to protect neighboring properties and the wetlands area. Also, that the prime wetland map is at Town Hall and on file at the NHDES and that it is an official map. D. Hill also explained the procedure to change the wetlands lines and the need to establish this early in the process, as it will affect everything. He also explained the Gilford Conservation Commission's need to be involved early in the procedure to be sure the Commission is involved.

L. Duncan spoke about the wells that were installed and the Commission's concern they were being monitored. This was referenced in the Commissioner's letter to Sue Allen of the Meadows Committee was not forwarded to Paul Fluet. Chairman Goodhue stated the monitoring was not up to date and no complete data was recorded for the total season.

D. Hill again stated the prime wetland map that NHDES has is the only legal wetlands map. This will determine the prime wetlands of the meadows project and must be adhered to. Paul Fluet was advised the official wetlands map is in the Town Clerk's office and a copy in the NHDES office.

D. Sibson expressed concern over the use of fertilizers that eventually end up in Saunders Bay. D. Hill mentioned that all the drainage goes through the two (2) 4' culverts then through the Adder Hole to Saunders Bay.

Chairman Goodhue asked if number of fields planned is necessary also that we have seen at least two (2) 100-year storm events and what would the Conservation Commission do if the whole plan fails.

P. Fluet mentioned that all parking will be behind current football field and no asphalt paving will be used. He spoke on the irrigation plan for fields, possibly a pump in the underground pipes, also possibly a pump in the pond.

N. Rendall questioned contour elevations on submitted plans. P. Fluet said progress prints are not accurate and some of the sheets have been eliminated. He said any fill taken off site would be replaced by sand. He said he could respond soon to answer the Commissioner's letters.

Terry Stewart mentioned many people have come to him with conservation issues on the Meadows fields. He plans to organize a group of people to oppose any development of the Meadows fields. He stated that if this was a strip mall proposal it wouldn't have gotten this far.

T. Stewart questioned the method to change wetlands designation. It was explained how a wetlands scientist's specific evaluation of a wetlands delineation could alter the designation of wetlands, through NHDES.

Susan Leach mentioned Harris property was classified Prime Agricultural Soil and questioned where old test wells went that Ray Carey had dug. With no other discussion, the presentation ended.

4. MINUTES- February 3, 2009 meeting.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from February 3, 2009 with. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried

with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Coons