

**Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for March 17, 2009 Meeting
Approved on April 7, 2009**

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Others present: Nancy Rendall, Blue Moon Environmental Services.

Members of the Board of Selectmen: Gus Benavides and John O'Brien, Town Administrator, Scott Dunn; Director of Planning and Land Use, John Ayer.

Members Absent: Rudy Lehr and Paula McDonald, Tom Drouin, and Larry Routhier.

Call meeting to order:

J. Goodhue called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

2. APPLICATIONS: None at this time.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nancy Rendall, Nancy Rendall, Blue Moon Environmental, Recap and further discussion regarding "The Meadows" presentation made by the Gilford Meadows Committee and Natural Resource Inventory update.

Discussion:

Her work so far has been wetlands delineation working on Paul Fluet's latest set of plans. G. Benavides questioned whom Nancy (Blue Moon) was working for. J. Goodhue said the Commissioners hired her as a 3rd party to delineate the wetlands.

Discussion ensued about the prime wetland line on the plan does not equate to the prime wetland line on file with the Town. The only plans we have at this time is for the Alteration of Terrain. Also, a professional engineer should establish the floodplain question on the area, probably. We are presently waiting for a revised Alteration of Terrain application.

D. Sibson also mentioned possible contamination of Sanders Bay by nutrients applied to athletic fields, possibly contaminating Gilford Beach.

Nancy Rendall has submitted a quote from an engineering firm for a properly engineered plan of project. How would it be paid for has yet to be determined.

Scott Dunn feels the Gilford Conservation Commission should not be responsible for original engineering plans but, they would be responsible for a review by another firm and that by statute,

it is possible to use the Land Conservation funds.

D. Hill explained Paul Fluet filed these plans to avoid the new Alteration of Terrain permit process. This possibly was done to eliminate the additional cost to conform to them. The School District is not required to submit plans to the Planning Board, as would normally be done by a private developer. This plan for Alteration of Terrain to the NHDES can be granted without town participation. The application to the DES of a site plan in wetlands will have to go to the Planning Board, with input by the Conservation Commission.

J. Goodhue feels although the Alteration of Terrain application was done one day before the new requirements, the School District should want the best possible plans using the new Alteration of Terrain requirements.

D. Hill explained the Adder Hole and its function as a filter for the Meadows area. Also, it is a tremendous resource for the town and is a great concern to the Conservation Commission for the protection of the town beach. He also reiterated the School Board set the process in motion by filing the Alteration of Terrain application and that gives everyone 120 days to comment. He feels possibly a joint contract between the School Board and the Town of Gilford could share the cost of a third party engineering firm.

Pete Mawson spoke on flooding problem in the fields is one part of the problem and the brook flooding is another part.

Nancy Rendall also spoke on the Natural Resource Inventory project. She told the Selectmen this year-long project is to be completed by her firm at no cost to the Town of Gilford.

4. OTHER BUSINESS Legislative Reports

C. Hall reported on the following Legislative Bills:

- SB139-Proposes a moratorium on Shoreland Protection Act for one year.
- HB585-Proposes establishing Dark skies, streetlights would only shine downward.
- HB 156-Authoirizes 3rd party review forum for applicants to the Planning Board.
- SB107-Lease of state lands on public waters, railroad right-of –ways.

5. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT None at this time.

6. MINUTES- March 3, 2009 meeting.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by D. Sibson, to approve the minutes from March 3, 2009 with. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Coons