

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for May 5, 2009 Meeting
Approved on May 19, 2009

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Larry Routhier, Rudy Lehr, Paula McDonald, Chuck Coons.

Also
Present: Selectman Gus Benavides.

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 J. Goodhue, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried with all in favor.

2. APPLICATIONS:

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PRESENTATIONS- Tim Nolin:

Discussion: T. Nolin gave a brief presentation and history of the Kimball Castle property. He said after the 1998 Ice Storm they went in and did a clear cut of sections of the property to clean up the forest after the storm destroyed sections of it. He assisted the Town of Gilford in developing a 10 year Forest Management Plan and since then, he has been actively working to trim and maintain the forest. At this time, that plan is almost complete so he is asking the Commission if there are any other goals and objectives they would like to complete for the management of the forest.

D. Hill said the primary goal is to preserve and maintain the native species wildlife habitat and then cut and maintain the forest for the sale of timber, with that revenue being returned to the Conservation Fund.

T. Nolin explained previous areas that were cut in 1996-1997 are growing back successfully and there are other areas that could be trimmed now. He said he would hope to be able to assess it this summer or this winter.

T. Nolin gave an update in Powell Forest and explained the Lakes Region Conservation Trust is researching ownership of certain areas and abutting properties to the forest, in order to allow the Town of Gilford access to the forest for harvesting. He said he would coordinate working with

the town and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust in order to gain access to the land.

The Commissioners thanked T. Nolin for his work.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: Meadows

Discussion: J. Goodhue discussed the Meadows Project and said they have not received a response to their April 19, 2009 letter.

D. Hill spoke about the NHDES' May 22, 2009 deadline; they will have to apply under the new rules from the Alteration of Terrain Permit.

The Commissioners discussed sending a letter to Paul Fluet.

Action: To send P. Fluet a letter requesting a copy of his response to the January 22, 2009 NHDES letter that requested 24 points of their concerns be addressed. The letter should also be sent to: Gilford Board of Selectmen; Nancy Rendall, CWS, CSS; John Ayer, Town of Gilford Planning Director; Paul DeMinico, Superintendent SAU #73; Collis Adams, Administrator NHDES, Wetlands Bureau; Sue Allen, Meadows Committee and Amy Clark, NHDES, PE,

Motion: Made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to send a letter to P. Fluet as discussed.

Discussion on the Motion

T. Stewart asked what the next step would be if the Alteration of Terrain Permit is approved. C. Hall said they would go to another review within the NHDES and most likely be a Standard Dredge and Fill application. D. Hill said they would apply to the Planning Board, but that is only advisory and not binding. E. McLaughlin spoke about the monitoring wells and how the Meadows Committee is concerned about the finances for monitoring them. He said they have already missed March and April as the most important months to monitor the area and he is concerned about the lost time.

C. Hall spoke about attending the recent training workshop held by the state Office of Energy and Planning. She attended a training session on Floodplain Regulations and explained the speaker explained if there are structures proposed for the Meadows project, they may have to go comply with federal regulations.

T. Stewart said the School Board has the opinion they do not have to share information with the Commission until the application has gone through the NHDES process. C. Hall said the Commission can review the file at the NHDES after May 22, 2009 to see what was submitted.

J. Goodhue called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meadows/School Board minutes and Meadows Wetland Report

Discussion ensued about obtaining a copy of the April 20, 2009 School Board minutes where the

Meadows project was discussed. D. Hill suggested submitting a request for information by using the RSA 91:A process.

The Commissioners also discussed requesting a copy of Barry Keith's wetlands report for the Meadows. D. Hill said it should be done because they want to know where the wetland boundaries are and in particular, the Prime Wetland boundary and location.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to submit a RSA 91: A requests for a copy of the April 20, 2009 School Board minutes and a copy of Barry Keith's Wetland report for the Meadows. Motion carried with all in favor.

Milfoil Funding

J. Goodhue explained Al Kirkman, Lake Shore Park, submitted an invoice for milfoil removal and is asking for \$3,100.00 from the Commission's monies for milfoil removal. S. Verdile Philibotte said she would double check how and where the money was allocated before they disburse it, incase the release of funds has to be approved by the Board of Selectmen through a noticed public hearing. L. Duncan said he believes it is a line item in the budget. The Commissioners discussed the request further.

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by T. Drouin, to recommend the Conservation Commission allocate \$3,100.00 from the 2009 Conservation Commission Budget Line Item "Invasive Species Management" to be paid to Lakeshore Park for milfoil removal.

Motion carried with all in favor.

5. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin

6. MINUTES- April 7, 2009 meeting

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from April 7, 2009 as presented. Motion carried with E. McLaughlin abstaining.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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