

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for June 16, 2009 Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Terry Stewart, Larry Routhier; Donald Sibson and Paula McDonald.

Also Present: Stephanie Verdile Philibotte, Technical Assistant. Tim Nolin, Forest Land Improvement, Danielle Delisle, reporter from the Steamer newspaper, Kurt Webber, Brian Roper and Justin Roper, from the Eagle Scouts.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:07 p.m.

Establish a Quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum has been established.

Approval of Agenda:

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

2. APPLICATIONS:

- 1 **Standard Dredge & Fill application, Gilford SAU #73, Intervale Rd./Route 11B, Gilford Tax Map & Lot #224-018.000**
Applicant proposes to impact a total of 12,398 temporary and permanent wetland impacts in order to develop 17 contiguous acres of 61.9 acres into athletic fields located at Intervale Rd. and NH Route 11B.

Discussion:

J. Goodhue gave a brief update on the application. E. McLaughlin spoke about the monitoring wells. L. Duncan referred to Nancy Randall's response and packet of information to the NHDES regarding the Standard Dredge & Fill application.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to submit a cover letter to accompany N. Randall's packet to the NHDES and release the hold on the application.

Discussion on the motion.

C. Hall discussed options the Commission can do with the application. They can recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial with reasons. C. Hall spoke about the

Commissioner's original concerns being raised again with the Standard application.

The Commissioner's discussed the 40 day hold time period was about to expire. D. Hill recommends the Commission move forward and submits Nancy Randall's information. He recommends the cover letter to Mr. Thompson of the NHDES reviewing the Standard application; include the Alteration of Terrain Permit appeal has been accepted by the Water Council.

J. Goodhue called for a vote on the motion.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to submit a cover letter to the NHDES that includes releasing the hold on the application and recommend denial for the following reasons:

- 1 The issues raised in a May 20, 2009 letter addressed to you (attached).
- 1 The issues raised in the information submitted by Nancy B. Rendall PWS, CWS, CSS, CPESC & Licensed Designer (attached).
- 3 The Gilford Conservation Commission received notification the appeal they filed for the issuance of the Alteration of Terrain Permit to the Gilford SUA #73 has been preliminarily accepted by the NHDES Water Council (attached).

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PRESENTATIONS: Tim Nolin-Powell and Peverly Forest Timber Harvest.

Discussion

The Commission informed T. Nolin that the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the proposals Tim submitted and they are waiting to get something in writing from the Selectmen.

T. Nolin submitted a contract for the Powell and Peverly Forest Timber Harvest.

There was discussion about the snowmobile trail off of Durrell Mountain Road that leads into the forests and T. Nolin said there is evidence of all terrain vehicles using the property and there are some negative impacts to the land from that use. He said the jersey barriers that used to be there are gone. He asked if the Commission would request that some type of barrier be replaced there. The Commission suggested Tim speak with the Scott Dunn and the Board of Selectmen to replace the barrier.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to recommend the Board of Selectmen accept and approve the timber harvest contract for Powell and Peverly Forest from Tim Nolin. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. MEADOWS PROJECT DISCUSSION: Alteration of Terrain Permit application

Discussion:

S. Verdile Philibotte and J. Goodhue explained the Water Council has received the appeal and sent a written notice stating when the Council will meet to discuss the appeal and decide whether to accept it.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 Eagle Scout Project for bridge for Gilford Elementary Nature Trail.

Discussion:

Kurt Webber, Assistant Scout Master described the proposal to the Commissioners. They are proposing to construct a permanent bridge over an existing crossing. He explained that the trail has been renamed the "Sandra T. McGonagle Nature Trail".

C. Hall recommended they contact NHDES to verify if they need a permit.

Discussion ensued they may be out of jurisdiction of the NHDES.

Motion made by, L. Duncan, seconded by, T. Drouin to allow Justin Roper, Eagle Scout Candidate, install a bridge over the brook that runs through the Gilford Elementary Nature Trail. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 2 Conservation Easement Monitoring-Gilford LCHIP properties, Carson property and Belknap C.S.A.

Discussion:

T. Drouin and E. McLaughlin will monitor the properties from now on.

- 3 Lake Shore Park Milfoil removal.

C. Hall said the residents of Lake Shore Park were notified that the chemical treatment has been completed and that the hand pulling portion of removal will begin.

- 4 Boundary Line Adjustment between Weeks Woods and Belknap County

D. Hill explained the history of the property and the boundary line adjustment will correct the layout of the abutting properties. The authorization of the transfer of land was approved at the 2008 Town Meeting.

- 5 R. Lehr announced his retirement from the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his service.

- 6 10 Guild Circle

J. Goodhue explained the property has been in default of taxes and the Board of Selectmen is asking the Conservation Commission if the lot should be accepted or refused and if it is accepted, what the town should do with it, since the majority of the lot is jurisdictional wetlands. C. Hall said there was a septic design submitted but never approved and the land remains undisturbed.

The Commission discussed adding it to the inventory of conservation properties.

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by C. Coons, to recommend the Board of Selectmen accept the property on behalf of the Town of Gilford, record the deed and add it to the Commission's inventory of open space.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT Nothing at this time.

7. MINUTES

Motion made by C. Coons, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes from May 28, 2009.
Motion carried with J. Goodhue abstaining.

Motion made by C. Coons, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes from June 2, 2009.
Motion carried with J. Goodhue abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to adjourn at 8:16 PM. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte
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