

Gilford Conservation Commission  
Minutes for September 1, 2009 Meeting

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Chairman-John Goodhue, Vice Chairman- Lee Duncan, Douglas Hill, Chuck Coons, Tom Drouin, Donald Sibson and Terry Stewart.

Members Absent: Rudy Lehr, Carole Hall, Larry Routhier, Everett McLaughlin and Paula McDonald.

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**Call meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:02 p.m.

**Establish a quorum**

J. Goodhue announced there was a quorum.

**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:** None at this time

**3. PRESENTATIONS-** Pat Tarpey, North Country Resource Conservation & Development Area Council, Gilford water sampling.

**Discussion:**

She explained this water sampling is for a follow up to the 2004-2005 tributary study and the LRPC 319 Federal Watershed Grant and part of that grant is the water quality sampling. She explained she is using Meredith Bay, Paugus Bay and Sanders Bay as sampling locations and Gunstock Brook for the tributary sampling. She explained there were high nitrates in samples taken in 2004-2005 from Old Lake Shore Rd., Hoyt Rd, and Henderson Rd. There will also be some phosphorus sampling, but not from all the sites because there is not enough funding.

The Gunstock Brook sites there are 3 sites Old Lakeshore Rd., Hoyt Rd., and Henderson Rd. and there is one site at the top of Belknap Mountain Rd. Black Brook will also be sampled because it is a tributary to Paugus Bay. She explained she is also sampling near Adder Brook at the footbridge and samples are being taken from the beach. The Commissioners explained Adder Brook is a tributary to the Adder Hole and it is connected to the development of the Meadows athletic fields and that is where the drainage from the athletic fields will discharge to. P. Tarpey continued explaining the sampling she is doing near shore at the Mt. View Yacht Club, Ader Hole Brook, the end of Varney Point and an unnamed stream at the point of the old Laconia Dump. She said there are about 9 sampling sites and they will share that information with the LRPC for watershed information.

C. Coons asked if she found nitrates above the agriculture fields. P. Tarpey said she is not sampling for nitrates at those sites (Gunstock Brook, Belknap Mountain Rd. to Mt. View Yacht Club. She explained the locations currently being sampled along Black Brook. The Commissioners discussed how much Black Brook is subjected to pollutants.

She discussed advertising for sponsors for the UNH lake sampling project “Lakes Lay Monitoring” project and asked to put up flyers in the lobby of Town Hall. The Commissioners agreed and said they would also recruit sponsors.

The Commissioners thanked Pat Tarpey for her time and efforts for the sampling project.

#### **4. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin**

**Discussion:** None at this time.

#### **5 NEW BUSINESS:**

##### 1 Philip Roux conservation easement proposal

**Discussion:**

D. Hill said the proposal is to deed the land to the town, and it is not really an easement it is a piece of property that is going to be deeded to the town through the fee simple process.

**Motion:** Made by D. Hill, seconded by D. Sibson, to allow the Commission to accept the gift of land in fee through their ability under RSA 36:A-4 and recommend to the Board of Selectmen they accept the gift of land. Motion carried with all in favor.

##### 2. 2010 Budget discussion

**Discussion:**

J. Goodhue explained that along with L. Duncan and S. Verdile Philibotte the expenses were reviewed for the 2010 budget. He explained the Commission is more involved in groundwater sampling and monitoring their conservation properties and that their mission has grown and changed.

L. Duncan explained the need for the increase in funding for the Program Training Activities, Meetings and Dues, Groundwater Sampling, and Invasive Species programs.

Discussion ensued about Conservation Easement Monitoring. D. Hill contacted Tim Nolin and he agreed to work on a proposal and would be willing to work on the monitoring.

The Commissioners discussed this would be a good example of the need for a “Professional Services” line item in the budget.

**Motion:** Made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to have L. Duncan and J. Goodhue move forward with the proposed 2010 Budget as presented and to add a Professional Services Line Item. Motion carried with all in favor.

### 3. Glendale Cove milfoil removal

**Discussion:**

J. Goodhue explained P. Morrisette is requesting \$3,000.00 more in funds for milfoil removal.

**Motion:** Made by T. Drouin, seconded by D. Hill, to allocate \$3,000.00 from the Invasive Species budget line item for Peter Morrisette. Motion carried with all in favor.

**6. MINUTES-** August 18, 2009 meeting

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from August 18, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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