

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for December 1, 2009 Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Rudy Lehr, Paula McDonald, Larry Routhier, Donald Sibson.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:05 p.m.

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is 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:

Diana B. (Durling) McNabb Trust of 1999, Diana B (Durling), Trustee

Applicant proposes to reconfigure an existing piling supported docking structure of approximately 900 sq. ft, with proposed docking approximately 596 sq. ft.
The site has +/- 200' of average frontage allowing for 3 boat slips.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the application and made the observation the applicants are reducing the amount of dock area. They also noted some of the dimensions on the plans are incorrect. C. Hall is concerned if there are additional rocks under the proposed deck that have to be removed or disturbed. The Commissioners decided to have a representative from Watermark Marine Construction attend the next meeting to present the application.

Action (if any) Table the application until the next meeting in order to have Watermark Marine attend to explain the different dimensions on the plan.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to table until December 15, 2009 in order to have Watermark Marine attend to explain the different dimensions on the plan.

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. PRESENTATIONS-None at this time.

Conservation Easement Monitoring

The Commissioners discussed contacting Tim Nolin to begin easement monitoring and determine which properties he should begin with.

Discussion ensued about having him begin with the designated LCHIP properties.

They discussed funding for the monitoring and how to pay for it. Some Commissioners discussed utilizing the Conservation Fund to pay for the monitoring. They also discussed determining the cost to do a few easements and then include that amount in a future budget under the line item "Professional Services".

Motion: Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by C. Coons, to have Tim Nolin do a monitoring report on the Melhke property and pay for it from the Conservation Fund.

Discussion on the motion:

T. Drouin wants the LCHIP properties included with the Tim Nolin monitoring.

D. Hill and C. Coons agreed to amend the motion to include Tim Nolin completing the LCHIP properties in addition to the Melhke property.

Motion carried with E. McLaughlin voting against the motion.

Lake Host remaining funds from 2009. The Commissioners decided to have the remaining funds balance of \$700.00 be carried over into the 2010 Lake Host Program at Glendale launch.

4. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin

Discussion: None at this time.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion for 2010 zoning amendment for a proposed wetland buffer

Discussion: D. Hill discussed the proposed amendment to clean up the existing language in Article 15. He explained it includes an exemption for a non-contiguous wetland area to be built upon however, that applies to a non-designated wetland area as defined by the zoning ordinance.

The Commissioners discussed advertising the explanation and reasoning for approving the revised Article 15. They also discussed the need and justification for the buffer.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed ordinance for typos and clarifications.

The Commissioners discussed creating a fact sheet to promote and educate the public on the need for the buffer.

The Commissioners will review the ordinance and provide feedback to D. Hill to submit by December 7, 2009.

J. Goodhue will talk to Paula McDonald about resigning as Diane Hanley has applied to be an Alternate member.

6. MINUTES- Not approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by C. Coons, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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