

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for February 2, 2010 Meeting
Approved on

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Terry Stewart. _____

Others present: Stephan Nix.

Call meeting to order:

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

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established. J. Goodhue announced he received a letter of resignation from Rudy Lehr.

Approval of Agenda:

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

3. APPLICATIONS: None at this time.

4. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Letter to Board of Selectmen and Sheldon Morgan RE: Gunstock River.

Discussion:

The Commissioners reviewed the letter drafted by S. Verdile Philibotte. J. Goodhue said he spoke to the Selectmen about the issue and they said to direct the letter to their attention.

The Commissioners discussed revisions to the letter and finalized it so it can be sent to the Selectmen.

Discussion proposed mission statement for the proposed wetland ordinance.

Discussion:

D. Hill discussed the subcommittee formed to create a worksheet describing the Commission's

position on the proposed wetland buffer ordinance. D. Hill discussed who would explain and present the proposed ordinance and that the Conservation Commission as a whole can support the ordinance. He distributed the essay that explains the ordinance the subcommittee has written. He wants it to be clear that the NHDES wetland regulations do not include a buffer setback and that Gilford is about the only community left in the Lakes Region that does not have a wetland setback.

D. Hill requested L. Routhier present and move the proposed article at the Deliberative Session and he explained the article cannot be changed except for grammatical errors.

L. Routhier reviewed what he will say and said he will include an introduction for Diane Hanley and Steve Nix within the presentation.

Steve Nix spoke about the condition of Black Brook currently due to development around it over the years without buffers in place.

The Commissioners discussed the negative economical impacts the residents of Gilford would be subjected to without buffers in place. They cited examples of damage to the environment with the buffers, i.e. the sand delta at Ellacoya Park, Lake Shore Park and Black Brook.

Motion made by D. Sibson, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the information sheet for the wetland buffer.

Discussion on the motion

The Commissioners reviewed and edited the worksheet for final distribution. They decided they would submit the letter to the press for distribution.

D. Hanley asked about where specific locations in town are so they can cite where the lack of buffers has negatively impacted the environment. The Commissioners discussed Lowe's, Farm View Lane subdivision, the Gilford Community Church and the Gilford Library as areas where buffers would have helped prevent sedimentation into the Gunstock Brook, Mountain View Yacht Club and Lake Winnepesaukee.

J. Goodhue called for the motion for the amended wetland buffer information sheet.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

Discussion: Powell property-

E. McLaughlin and D. Hill explained the property deed is written as useable for recreation only.

7. MINUTES-

Motion made by C. Coons, seconded by D. Hill, to approve the minutes from January 20, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried with C. Hall abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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