

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for February 17, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan; Everett McLaughlin; Tom Drouin; ; Carole Hall, Terry Stewart, and Diane Hanley.

Members Absent: Chairman-John Goodhue, Douglas Hill; Larry Routhier; Donald Sibson and Chuck Coons.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by L. Duncan at 7:00 p.m.

Establish a quorum

L. Duncan announced a quorum is established. He appointed C. Hall as a regular member for this meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

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

3. APPLICATIONS:

Randall Cail

Applicant proposes to repair existing breakwater, repair cantilevered pier, replace/repair/modify existing docking structure to widen interior boat slips, drive (5) tie-off piles, and install (2) 14'x 30' seasonal canopies over interior boatslips.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the application and L. Duncan said it seems to meet the requirements of the NHDES. L. Duncan and C. Hall questioned if the abutters have to respond to the notice about the seasonal canopies being installed and if they object. T. Drouin and L. Duncan said that area of Governor's Island is steep and they don't seem to think there would be any sight interference with the abutters and the proposed.

Motion: Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by C. Hall, to recommend the application be approved with the following recommendations:

- 1) Normal siltation devices in place prior to construction.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

5. OTHER BUISNESS

- 1 Discussion of distribution of proposed mission statement for the proposed wetland ordinance.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed the week of 2/24/10 as the beginning of sending letters to the newspapers.

D. Hanley discussed doing a full story for the Steamer, The Sun and the Citizen. L. Duncan and D. Hanley will represent the Commission for the interviews.

D. Hanley discussed in her opinion some of the resistance to the proposed wetland buffer is because to the general public it may seem as though the “wetlands” are already protected by the Prime Wetland buffer and the CSPA. Her opinion is they should focus on some of the commercial areas that are impacting the tributaries of Lake Winnepesaukee, like Black Brook and the Gunstock River. She spoke about soil as the biggest contributing factor to phosphorus loading into local water bodies.

S. Verdile Philibotte spoke about the importance of keeping the message to the public simple in order to reach and educate the general public.

T. Stewart said he is opposed to the ordinance but agrees with how to educate the public about the ordinance.

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. NHDOT/Meadows Athletic Fields letter

The Commissioners discussed the letter dated February 9, 2010 from NHDOT in response to plans submitted by Paul Fluet. The Commissioners would like S. Verdile Philibotte to write a letter to Paul Fluet asking to be sent a copy of what he submitted to the NHDOT.

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by T. Drouin, to have S. Verdile Philibotte write a letter to Paul Fluet asking to for a copy of what he submitted to the NHDOT.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

Discussion: He discussed the idea of making an offer to buy the Piper Mountain property for an easement property.

He said he spoke to Nancy Rendall and she suggested the Commission research obtaining Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) funds to help with the Meadows project.

S. Verdile Philibotte informed the Commissioners we have received information from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. a private company that is working on a Watershed Strategy for Wetlands Restoration and Protection in the Winnepesaukee Watershed with the NHDES. The Commissioners requested S. Verdile Philibotte follow up with the project for the next meeting.

6. MINUTES- February 2, 2010 meeting

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to approve the minutes from February 2, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried with T. Stewart abstaining.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Hanley, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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