Gilford Conservation Commission Minutes for April 20, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Terry Stewart, Tom Drouin, Doug Hill.

<u>Others present:</u> Tim Nolin-Conservation Easement Monitoring, Al Kirkman, Lake Shore Park, Milfoil funding; Peter Morrissette, Glendale Yacht Club-Milfoil funding; Bob Clark-Moultonborough Conservation Commission.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:01 p.m.

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established.

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. OTHER BUSINESS

1 Tim Nolin-Conservation Easement properties

Discussion:

Tim requested a list of the easement properties in Conservation Easement and would like the Commission to prioritize they properties they would like him to complete. E. McLaughlin would like him to start on Muelkhe. He explained the Muelkhe boundaries need to be identified and then would like it monitored every yearly as well as the other easement properties.

T. Nolin gave an update on Kimball Castle and explained they hoped to get into the forest to cut in the early winter 2010. He told the Commission he completed the timber sale on the Peverly property and discussed other properties that could be harvested in the future.

The Commission and T. Nolin discussed other easement properties they would like him to monitor. T. Nolin explained that he could determine and mark boundaries for Muelkhe property

but ultimately it is the property owner's responsibility to identify and mark boundaries. He could mark town properties and ask other property owners if they would mind having the town's conservation markers installed on their boundaries. He said he would like to do a few properties in the spring and fall each year. He asked the Commission to get a priority list together for him to work on.

T. Nolin and D. Hill will discuss the easement properties. The Commission thanked T. Nolin for his time and help.

2. Al Kirkman-Lake Shore Park-Milfoil

Discussion:

Al Kirkman explained the success of the 2009 harvest. He said they received approval from the NHDES to use 2 4-D chemicals and they are in the second year of a five year plan but they have not received any state money as of yet.

E. McLaughlin asked about the second year of using 2 4-D. A. Kirkman explained the NHDES suggested using 2 4-D for 2 years and then use hand pulling.

The Commission asked how much money A. Kirkman was requesting and A. Kirkman said they are asking for about \$3,000 to assist with hand pulling.

The Commission asked why they are using 2- 4D for 2 years in a row. A. Kirkman said the plan they submitted to the NHDES showed they were proposing to use 2 4-D for a second year and the NHDES approved the plan. C. Coons and E. McLaughlin are not supportive of any funding that would include another application of 2 4-D. They discussed one of the reasons they voted for the proposal was with the understanding that 2 4-S would be used for one year.

The Commission is concerned the NDHEs is allowing a second year of 2 4-S within the 5-year plans when they originally approved one year.

A. Kirkman wants to start treatment in July and look for funds to be released in June.

Al Kirkman thanked the Commissioners for their help.

3. Peter Morrissette-Glendale Cove-Milfoil

Discussion:

P. Morrissette explained they are receiving \$7,200.00 from the NHDES and submitted his proposal for the Commission to review. He reviewed the results from the 2009 Milfoil program and explained they are in the 4th year of the five year program. He explained there has been improvement in the areas that have been treated.

Peter Morrissette thanked the Commissioners for their help.

4. Wetlands Ordinance re-write Committee

Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed writing a letter to Polly Sanfacon explaining they would like to

form a Wetlands Buffer Ordinance Re-Write Committee and they would like to attend one of their workshop meetings to discuss the committee. They would like the letter to be copied to the BOS and John Ayer.

5. ARM Grant Proposal

Discussion:

The Commission discussed the fact that N. Rendall, L. Morin and P. Tarpey are working on the proposal for the grant now. The Commission will consider writing a letter of support after they see what the grant proposal contains.

6. Contribution to NH Lakes Milfoil removal

Discussion:

The Commission decided to approve the 2010 contribution to the NH Lakes Host program.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to: allocate \$1,000.00 to the 2010 NH Lakes Association for the Lake Host Milfoil Removal Program.

Motion carried with all in favor.

5. PRESENTATIONS-

Bob Clark-Moultonborough Conservation Commission-Milfoil

Discussion:

B. Clark gave a brief presentation to the Commission about how the Milfoil Committee allocated \$200,000.00 for the first year for Milfoil treatment. He said they asked Amy Smagula from the NHDES to attend a Conservation Commission meeting to present an informational presentation about milfoil. She estimated it could cost \$90,000.00/year to treat and remove milfoil from Lake Winnipesaukee. He said the involvement to start a Milfoil Committee was overwhelming and became a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission.

J. Goodhue spoke about Gilford forming a Milfoil Sub-Committee and asked P. Morrissette and A, Kirkman to volunteer to be on the Committee. D. Hill spoke about the NHDES should be the one to handle the issue not the local conservation commissions but he supports the formation of the committee.

Discussion ensued about the additional members of the Milfoil Committee. The Committee will have the following members: Peter Morrissette, Al Kirkman, Joe Paterno, Larry Routhier, Lee Duncan, Diane Hanley, Al Kirkman and Stephanie Verdile Philibotte will be the Technical Assistant.

<u>Motion:</u> Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by L. Routhier, to: start a Milfoil Committee that will serve as a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin: Nothing at this time.

7. MINUTES- April 6, 2010 meeting

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to approve the minutes from April 6, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried with D. Sibson abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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