

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for September 7, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman-John Goodhue, Vice-Chairman-Lee Duncan, Diane Hanley, Douglas Hill, Everett McLaughlin and C. Coons

Members Absent: C. Hall, Terry Stewart, Tom Drouin, Larry Routhier.

Others Present: Peter Morrissette

Call meeting to order:

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

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue established a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. APPLICATIONS: None at this time.

Public Hearing Laconia Girls Corp. Inc, formally known as "Camp Winsheblo"

J. Goodhue opened the hearing for public input-

1. Laconia Girls Corp. Inc, formally known as "Camp Winsheblo" Parcel of land known as Tax Map & Lot#230-002.000 consisting of approximately 210.5 acres located at 410 Liberty Hill Road.

J. Goodhue opened the hearing for public input.

Discussion:

D. Hill explained the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss expending \$75, 000 in order to participate in the purchase of the Camp Winsheblo property in conjunction with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. He explained NH Forests is buying the property and the town's contribution toward the purchase will allow them to have an executory interest, which means that if the Forest Society becomes obsolete, the property will revert to the town.

He explained the Forest Society will determine what types of uses will be allowed and most likely will not allow motorized vehicles. They will work with snowmobile clubs if there are established trails on the property.

J. Goodhue wants to make sure the conditions E. McLaughlin and D. Hill discussed are met and

included in the easement. D. Hill explained those conditions have been met and believes they have been accepted into the final easement. He said he is uncertain whether the Forest Society will allow motorized vehicles as they normally do not allow them and he is uncertain whether hunting will be allowed but he reviewed the Forest Society's' guidelines on hunting and it follows in relation to hunting practices they allow on existing preserved lands.

The Commissioners discussed the cost of the property was finalized at \$225,000.00 which is equal to 42% of the assessed value. The Commissioners agreed this is a beneficial use of the Commission Trust Fund.

With no other public input J. Goodhue closed the public hearing.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by, E. McLaughlin, to allocate \$75,000.00 as a contribution toward the purchase of the Winsheblo property, \$100.00 for legal fees and \$100.00 for closing costs.

Discussion on the motion.

The Commissioners discussed the payment has to be in the form of a bank check made out to the Roger Murray Trust Account. D. Hill clarified that the cell tower is on an adjacent lot.

J. Goodhue called for a vote on the motion, motion carried with all in favor.

J. Goodhue explained the Conservation Trust Fund process, its purpose and how it obtains funds. He said the fund receives 100% of the proceeds from the Current Land Use penalties when properties are taken out of current use. The town voted a few years ago to have 100% of the penalties directed into the fund.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by E. McLaughlin to write a letter to the Forest Society complimenting President, Jane Dilfe and Senior Director of Land Conservation, Tom Howe. Motion carried with all in favor.

J. Goodhue will go to the Board of Selectmen requesting the monies collected (\$100,000.00) from the tax sale properties be allocated as a match to the 2011 Watershed Assistance Grant, which would be about \$27,000.00. The whole match for the grant is about \$90,000.00.

2. Conservation Commission Budget Discussion-Milfoil Removal.

Discussion:

Peter Morrissette, Glendale Cove Association, spoke to the Commission about their Milfoil removal program. He explained he is requesting the remainder \$3900.00 of the Invasive Species monies. He told the Commission the deadline to submit a budget to the NDHES is September 15, 2010 for the 2011 milfoil removal money. He told the Commission they are working in the vicinity of Glendale Bay to remove the milfoil. He discussed there is not enough funding to expand the areas for removal of the milfoil in the Glendale dock facilities in front of the NH Dept of Safety. He suggested the Commission speak to the NH Dept of Safety to be involved with contributing to the cost of the milfoil removal around their docks and shorefront.

He discussed the town is working hard to control milfoil and paying the costs for it and the NH Dept of Safety should begin to contribute and work with the town.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to authorize the release \$3,900.00 dollars from the 2010 Conservation Commission budget for the final payment for milfoil removal. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion ensued about the Milfoil Committee and D. Hanley would like a dollar amount from the businesses in the area on what they spend for milfoil removal.

The Commissioners discussed how much Mountain View Yacht Club has spent on dredging at the mouth of Gunstock Brook and how often they have to do it.

The Commission discussed the members of the Milfoil Committee as follows:
Peter Morrisette, Al Kirkman, Joe Paterno, John Goodhue, Lee Duncan, Dian Hanley and a member at large that can act as an advisory member.

2. NHDES 2011 Watershed Assistance Grant application.

Discussion:

S. Verdile Philibotte spoke about completing and delivering the NHDES Watershed Assistance Grant and thanked D. Hanley for all her help.

PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS-

5. MINUTES- August 17, 2010 meeting

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons to table the from August 17, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte
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