

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for October 19, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Vice-Chairman-Lee Duncan; Everett McLaughlin; Douglas Hill; and Tom Drouin. Alternate Member- Carole Hall.

Members Absent: Chairman-John Goodhue, Larry Routhier, Chuck Coons, Diane Hanley, Donald Sibson, Terry Stewart.

Also

present- Lisa Morin, BCCD, Steve Grant-Gilford property owner.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by L. Duncan at 7:04 p.m.

Establish a quorum

L. Duncan appointed C. Hall as a regular member in order to establish a quorum is established.

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: None at this time

4. PRESENTATIONS-

- 1 Lisa Morin, Belknap County Conservation District-grant funding assistance.

Discussion: She discussed the recent 2011 Watershed Assistance Grant application made to the NHDES that was denied. She explained the assistance BCCD could provide to the Commission on future grant proposals, including technical and financial assistance. She said the funds the town contributes to the BCCD can be considered match monies for future grants because it is not federal funds.

She spoke about what a Fluvial Geomorphological Assessment is: it is the study of how a water body flows and operates and an assessment will verify if any proposed repair and corrective actions will benefit Gunstock Brook. That missing study from the latest grant application was the main reason the grant was denied. The requirement of the "study" is to verify the current state of the brook, where the loading is coming from and that the corrective actions will work. She asked if the Commissioners would like her assistance through the BCCD to work on researching the costs of conducting a Fluvial Geomorphological Assessment working in conjunction with S. Verdile Philibotte.

T. Drouin and D. Hill spoke in favor about moving forward with researching how much a Fluvial

Geomorphological Assessment would cost for Gunstock Brook and the Commission as a whole concurred and are in favor of moving forward with researching how much a Fluvial Geomorphological Assessment would cost for Gunstock Brook. They were also in favor of having L. Morin work with S. Verdile Philibotte on obtaining information on future grant work.

Motion: Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve L. Morin to research and explore the feasibility of doing a Fluvial Geomorphological Assessment for Gunstock Brook and report back to the Commission. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Steve Grant-potential conservation easement property donation on TM &L# 214-010.000 located at Waterford Place.

Discussion: He spoke about his options of having the property transferred in “fee simple” or as an “easement”. He said he, Steve Smith and Doug Hill met to discuss the cost of proposing and completing the transfer of the property with the “fee simple” process. S. Smith provided a “Scope of Services” of \$1,910.00, for the cost of the subdivision in “fee simple”. D. Hill spoke about if the property was transferred to the town as an easement, S. Grant would own the land but the Commission would own the development rights. The Commission and S. Grant are in favor of obtaining the property in the “fee simple” way.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by T. Drouin, to appropriate the necessary funds from the Conservation Trust Fund in the amount of (\$1,910.00) as proposed in the “Scope of Services” letter from S. Smith dated October 15, 2010. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion: C. Hall spoke about the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Club’s proposal to relocate the club at Ellacoya State Park. She presented plans that were presented to residents of Lake Shore Park. The Commission discussed the location of the proposed buildings for the sailing club is proposed to be located in the existing section that has RV parking.

D. Hill spoke about the proposal and that there may not be much of a chance for this project to move forward because of it being proposed on state land and the environmental impacts.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

Discussion: Logging activity off of Hoyt Rd. The Commissioners discussed the logging and whether the town has any legal jurisdiction over logging. D. Hill explained local regulations do not have jurisdiction over logging.

E. McLaughlin said there were trees cut up along Gunstock Brook and questioned if there is a 50’ buffer requirement that prevents clear cutting adjacent to the Brook. L. Duncan and D. Hill said Gunstock Brook is a named brook and there is a 50’ setback requirement.

7. MINUTES- September 21, 2010 meeting

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by D. Hill, to approve the minutes from September 21, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried with E. McLaughlin abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by T. Drouin, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte
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