

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for December 7, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Terry Stewart.

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 T. Drouin, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried with all in favor.

3. APPLICATIONS: None at this time

4. PRESENTATIONS-

- 1 Tom Babbit and David Waterman from the North Country Rock Solid 4x4 Club.
Proposal to access White Face Mountain/Powell Conservation Easement Property.

Discussion: S. Verdile Philibotte distributed copies of the deed, the plan and information sheet form the "Forest Stewardship Plan" dated May 2000. She gave a brief update to the Commission from the last discussion with the North Country Rock Solid 4x4 Club in August. Tom Babbit spoke about being very interested in assisting with the recommendations highlighted in the Stewardship Plan. David Waterman acknowledged the negative impacts some 4 wheelers cause to the environment and the trails. He said those are the problems and conditions they hope to reduce by having them be able to use the trails and help educate other drivers on conservation of the land and trails. They offered their assistance to the Commission to allow the Commission access to the property. They also spoke about being able to help "police" the property against vandalism. They explained they would like access to the property a few times a year and will assist in adding signage to the trails and trail markers to help reduce vandalism and also for trail maintenance and repairs. The Commission agreed that vandalism has been a problem in the area.

S. Verdile Philibotte suggested the 4x4 Club could help Tim Nolin with the easement monitoring. The Club and the Commission agreed.

The Commission agreed the property is in need of attention and they are interested in working with the club.

Discussion ensued about impacts to fish and wildlife from the club's activities. S. Waterman said NH Fish & Game can help with identifying nesting sites and signage for the areas.

Discussion ensued about setting up a meeting with Tim Nolin, the Commission and the Club. S. Verdile Philibotte will research the grant to determine if motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Discussion: John Goodhue recused himself.

Doug Hill reviewed the plan and the easement boundaries. He explained the boundary goes directly to the Prime Wetland. He reviewed the note allowing the Town access to the property when needed. He explained this is the plan and proposal the Commission requested Steve Grant, Steve Smith and Doug Hill submit to the Commission prior to the submission to the Planning Board.

The Commission agreed and was in favor of the plan and proposal.

Motion Made by E. McLaughlin, seconded by C. Coons, to accept the plan as submitted and have it move forward to the Planning Board.

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Discussion about Nancy Rendall, NRI

L. Duncan updated the Commission on the brief contact he has had with N. Rendall about the NRI and the Meadows project. The Commission would like to contact Nancy for an update on the NRI and for her to submit an invoice for the work she has done on the Meadows project for 2010.

The Commission suggested E. McLaughlin contacts her.

3. Discussion for guidelines for the Planning Board to use for plan review. S. Verdile Philibotte discussed the checklist approved by the Planning Board. She distributed and reviewed sections of the checklist with the Commission. She discussed sections of the checklist that include a plan review by the Commission for site drainage. She explained most of the checklist items are in the existing regulations and she would like to see the checklist items

considered as the site drainage, storm water flow, etc. criteria and input from the Commission prepared for the Planning Board. She explained how she foresees the plan review process and the Commission's involvement. She explained she thinks the 2011 meeting schedule she drafted will now enhance the Commission's input and involvement in the Planning Board process.

D. Hill spoke about the Commission's conditions of approval being included in the Wide Open Spaces/Kim Cedarstom application and that the Planning Board came to them in the first place for input. He was very happy with how the process worked. The Commission agreed.

Discussion ensued about Section 5.2.1 b and its possible amendment in 2010.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

Discussion: None at this time.

7. MINUTES- October 19, 2010 meeting

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes from October 19, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

November 16, 2010

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from November 16, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C. Coons, seconded by T. Drouin, to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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