

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for February 15, 2011 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Diane Hanley, Tom Drouin, and Don Sibson.

Call meeting to order:

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

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established as he nominated C. Hall to replace absent regular member T. Drouin.

Approval of Agenda:

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

3. APPLICATIONS:

- 1 **Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Governor's Island Club, Inc Tax Map & Lot #218-043.000. 500 Edgewater Drive, Gilford NH.**

Applicant proposes to remove a man made retention wall that was damaged by ice and restore approximately 74 feet of shoreline on Tax Map & Lot #218-043.000 located at 500 Edgewater Drive. *Tabled from February 1, 2011.*

Discussion: C. Hall explained she reviewed the application and explained there are two existing breakwaters on site and a stone retaining wall. The applicants are looking to remove the retaining wall. She questioned who is acting on behalf of Governor's Island Club and who is authorized to complete the work.

The Commission discussed not releasing "the hold" on the application until they receive the following information:

- 1 Authorization information on John St. John from the Governor's Island Club
- 2 Information on the company or contractor that will be doing the work.

Motion: Made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Hall, to approve the application pending authorization from Governor's Island Club for John St. John and the contractor doing the work.

Motion carried with all in favor

2. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Jill and Deems Buell, Tax Map & Lot #219-007.000, located at 30 Mark Island, Gilford, NH 03249.

Applicant proposes to replace existing seasonal dock with tip up seasonal dock, add to an existing permanent docking structure a breakwater with the following additions: add a permanent finger dock inside of breakwater and connect to main dock, add second permanent dock parallel to existing dock and add connecting dock to tie into main entrance of existing dock, wooden permanent dock with beam on existing boulders and rock filled wooden crib support, add two seasonal canopies on each side of permanent dock.

Discussion: C. Hall discussed the plan is lacking scale and dimensions. She reviewed the plans showing the docks extending over to the adjacent lot. She said one lot is owned by Jill & Deems Buell and one by Jill Buell. She is concerned about the lot owned by Jill Buell and if it is sold in the future the docks will not be on the same property. She would like the owners to explain the need for some of the proposed docks being located on the Jill Buell Lot.

The Commission discussed the lack of scale and dimensions on the submitted plans. The plans are also lacking the location of the seasonal canopies. They acknowledged there is enough frontage for the amount of proposed slips. They continued discussing the application and the main concern for the site is the location of some of the proposed docks across the property line onto the Jill Buell lot.

C. Hall and D. Hill would like some type of recordable document, i.e. an easement, allowing the proposed docks to cross over the property line for the potential of future transfers of the Jill Buell Lot. C. Hall also spoke about the 20 foot setback being infringed upon with the proposed docks encroaching into the Jill Buell Lot.

Motion (if needed) Made by C. Hall, seconded by L. Duncan, that due the property line projection on to the Jill Buell Lot the Commission would like the following information submitted to the NHDES and copied to the Commission before the hold is released:

- 1 An easement created and recorded for the docks located along and on Jill Buell Lot (Lot 6).
- 1 Construction plans and details for the seasonal canopies.
- 1 Construction plans and details for all docking structures.
- 1 J. Buell, listed owner of Lot 6, should waive the NHDES 20 foot setback requirement.

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Iane and Steven Deutsch, Tax Map & Lot #218-027.000, located at 410 Edgewater Drive, Gilford, NH 03249.

Applicant proposes to dredge 854 s.f. of lakebed to provide access to and restore previously permitted boat slip.

Discussion: The Commission discussed the need for the dredge. They would like authorization from the owners for John St. John to complete the work as we as the contractor hired to complete the work. C. Hall noted the address is incorrect on the application, her research showed the address should be 350 Edgewater Drive.

Action: Release the hold.

Motion: Made by L. Duncan, seconded by D, Hill, to release the hold and recommend approval pending the submission of the following information:

- 1 Letter from the property owners authorizing the agent, John St. John and a contractor.
- 1 Correct the address of the subject property.

Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Hall recused herself from discussion on this application as it abuts Lake Shore Park for which she is a resident.

4. Standard Dredge & Fill Application, NH Dept of Transportation, located along Route 11 at Ellacoya State Park, Gilford, NH 03249.

Applicant proposes to clean the inlet end of twin 48” culverts to reduce flooding risk

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the need for the dredge and location of the pipes. C. Hall explained the pipes discharge into the Lake Shore Park Marina.

Action: To release hold and recommend approval.

Motion Made by L. Routhier, seconded by L. Duncan, to release the hold and recommend approval.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time

5. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding Nancy Rendall-VHB proposal.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed they would like Nancy Rendall to provide her current projected costs to date on the Natural Resource Inventory for their presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

The Commissioner approved the letter S. Verdile Philibotte wrote requesting a waiver from the Towns Purchasing Policy.

Motion: Made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to authorize John Goodhue to sign the letter written by S. Verdile Philibotte.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

(If Needed)-Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Discussion: Non-Public Session was not utilized.

The Commission discussed the Steve Grant land donation should be considered a gift in fee, it is not an actual easement. The Commission would like to be on the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Agenda for February 23, 2011 to have the land accepted. They will hold a public hearing for the land at their March 15, 2011 meeting.

J. Goodhue spoke about the Houle property regarding the possible purchase of the property and invited the owner and the agent to come to a Commission meeting and discuss the property. He said he also suggested the property owner pursue an appraisal of the property.

The Commission discussed the current interest rate of the Conversation Trust Fund and would like to research different banks for a better rate, noting they have to be NH owned banks.

Milfoil Discussion

John Jude, Gilford resident, presented information to the Commission regarding his newly acquired milfoil removal equipment and business. He said he was interested in becoming an Alternate Member of the Commission and will apply to the Board of Selectmen.

The Commissioners discussed his participation on the Commission as a member and his assistance with the Milfoil Committee. J. Jude said he would recuse himself from any discussion relating to hiring a contractor for milfoil removal.

Motion carried with all in favor.

7. MINUTES- January 4, 2011 meeting

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the minutes from meeting January 4, 2011 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

January 19, 2011

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the January 19, 2011 minutes as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte
Technical Assistant