

Gilford Conservation Commission  
Minutes for March 1, 2011 Meeting

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

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

Members Absent: Carole Hall, Larry Routhier, Tom Drouin and Donald Sibson.

**Call meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:03 p.m.

**Establish a quorum**

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**3. APPLICATIONS:**

1 **Standard Dredge & Fill Application, James and Kenneth Olsen, Inc Tax Map & Lot #218-035000. 400 Edgewater Drive, Gilford NH.**

Applicant proposes to construct a 6 ft. x 54 ft. pier and a 6 ft x 30ft. pier, with a 6 ft. x 25 ft walkway connecting the 2 piers in an “h-shaped” configuration, with a seasonal canopy over the center two slips, two boatlifts in the center two slips, 6 tie off pilings, 2 ice clusters and 2 PWC lifts, accessed by a 6ft. x 28 ft. stairs over the embankment, in the location of the existing path to the waterfront.

**Discussion:** The Commissioners reviewed the application. They noted it is difficult to see from the application what currently exists on site. J. Goodhue is concerned about the time of year and the current weather conditions would not allow them to complete a site inspection. He noted the area is very shallow and would like to know how that will affect the structures when the Lake level is dropped.

D. Hill discussed the site is very exposed to wave action from boat traffic and weather conditions.

J. Goodhue and D. Hanley suggested that John St. John attend the Commission meeting on March 15, 2011 to represent the application. The Commission believes there is not enough information in the application to make a decision at this time.

**Action:** The Commission would like to have John St. John attend the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to have John St. John attend the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> to represent the application and explain, including but not limited to, the following concerns:

- 1 The need for structures proposed.
- 1 What structures are existing on site.
- 1 Address the Commission's concerns for the site being in a high wave exposure area.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**4. PRESENTATIONS-** None at this time.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1 Approving VHB contracts.

**Discussion:** S. Verdile Philibotte updated the Commission about the presentation for the Waiver Request from the town's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

Discussion ensued about how often the Commission would have to go to the Selectmen to request a waiver. S. Verdile Philibotte and J. Goodhue explained the Commission does not have to go to the Selectmen for a waiver request for every invoice generated by Nancy Rendall/VHB as long as it is under \$5,000.00. They explained they would gladly keep the Selectmen up to date on the progress of the Meadows project.

**Action:** Authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with Nancy Rendall/VHB to complete the NRI and response to Meadows application to NHDES.

**Motion:** Made by D. Hill, seconded by C. Coons, to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with Nancy Rendall/VHB to complete the NRI and response to Meadows application to NHDES. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 2 2010 Water Sampling Invoice

**Action:** To authorize L. Duncan to sign the 2010 Water Sampling Invoice.

**Motion:** Made by D. Hill, seconded by C. Coons, to authorize L. Duncan to sign the 2010 Water Sampling Invoice. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. Persons Easement update.

S. Verdile Philibotte informed the Commission about a letter dated January 20, 2011 from the New England Forestry Foundation to Mr. & Mrs. Persons regarding a recent site visit for easement monitoring. It was brought up during the site visit that there was discussion about construction of a compost site on the farm for the Town of Gilford to bring material in from

off-site. The Persons were reminded what the restrictions on the property are due to the easement in place. They are allowed to have an onsite compost area for materials generated from farm activities only.

S. Verdile Philibotte explained she wanted the Commission to be aware of the letter and that no action is necessary.

4. Finalization of Steve Grant land donation to the town.

The Commission and S. Verdile Philibotte discussed holding a public hearing for the conveyance for the land gift from S. Grant. S. Verdile Philibotte explained the public hearing would be held at the Commission's March 15, 2011 meeting.

5. NRI mapping information.

D. Hanley spoke about Nancy Rendall supplying the mapping company with the NRI information so it can be available on the town website and on the updated tax maps. She explained the deadline to submit information to the mapping company is April 1, 2011. N. Rendall can get the information to the mapping company before April 1, 2011 there would not be a charge. If the work cannot be submitted by April 1, 2011, there would be a charge to have the information included on the maps. The Commission discussed if they are not able to make the April 1, 2011 deadline and there are charges incurred, payment could come from the Conservation Fund since the expense is for the NRI.

Motion made by, D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to allow an expenditure from the Conservation Fund, if needed, to pay for the electronic inclusion of the NRI information on the on-line version of the town tax maps. 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:** The Commission discussed the Houle property and they would like to move forward with researching the feasibility of purchasing of the property. D. Hill would like the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) to be involved in the purchase of the property, as it abuts an existing piece of conservation land the LRCT owns.

**Action:** John Goodhue and Doug Hill will set up a meeting with Don Berry from the LRCT.

**7. MINUTES-** February 15, 2011 meeting.

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the minutes from February 15, 2011 meeting as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.  
Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte  
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