

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for July 5, 2011 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Don Sibson.

Others in attendance: Stephanie Verdile Philibotte, Technical Assistant.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:06 p.m.

J. Goodhue called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of NHDES staff member, Jody Connor. J. Goodhue spoke fondly of Mr. Connor and all his work for the Town of Gilford and noted he will be missed.

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:

1 **Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Kenneth Olsen, Tax Map & Lot #218-036.000, located at 410 Edgewater Drive, Gilford, NH 03249.**

Applicant proposes to remove existing 25'.8" x 4' stairs and 19'.9" x 15'.3' deck (with 128 SF of surface over the water). Construct a 48'.1" x 6' pier (measured from full lake elevation), with a 26.0 x 6' wharf to a second 36' x 6' pier, in an "h-shaped configuration. Docking and access to be supported by 22 pilings, with an additional 6 tie-off pilings and 6 pilings in two ice clusters.

Discussion:

L. Duncan commented that the listed property owner has passed away. J. Goodhue would like S. Verdile Philibotte to contact the agent in order to clarify ownership.

D. Hill suggested checking the assessing records for the most up to date ownership.

The Commissioners reviewed the application and noted the property can legally support four (4) boat slips. They also noted the area is prone to high wave action and the proposed configuration may not work in that area. They discussed the water depths of the site and spoke about the NHDES regulation that allows docks to be extended up to 50' from the shoreline in areas with shallow water depths.

The Commission would like the NHDES to be notified that the listed owner is deceased and noted the permit should be clarified as to who is the current owner/representative of the property.

C. Hall asked about the existing stairs that are described as being removed in the application and that the application does not indicate if they are being replaced although the application does show a ramp. The Commissioners noted it is unclear whether the stairs will be replaced and that it would be the applicant's issue and not the Commission's.

The Commission questioned the distance from the shore to the ice clusters as it is not indicated in the application.

Action:

Recommend approval with the following suggestions:

1. The agent should clarify the ownership of the property to the NHDES.
2. Clarification of the distance of the ice clusters from the shoreline.

Motion: Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by T. Drouin, to recommend approval the application with the following recommendations:

1. The agent should clarify the ownership of the property to the NHDES.
2. Clarification of the distance of the ice clusters from the shoreline.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

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:

E. McLaughlin spoke about the plan to transfer the Conservation Fund into an account

with a higher interest rate has been completed and they are now earning 1% interest.

The Commission discussed the Houle property and that there has been no recent news. L. Duncan updated the Commission that Glendale Cove submitted a request for money from the Invasive Species fund and that will be processed.

C. Hall also mentioned there will be a request for Invasive Species funding coming from Lake Shore Park soon.

D. Hanley reported the CSPA was amended to apparently streamline the development process. She will gather information and email it to the Commission for them to review.

The Milfoil Committee would like the Conservation Commission to send a letter to the NH Department of Safety to request they contribute \$5,000.00 to the Milfoil Remediation Fund. The Commission agreed.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by C. Coons, to send a letter to the NH Department of Safety to request they contribute \$5,000.00 to the Milfoil Remediation Fund. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. MINUTES- May 3, 2011 meeting

Motion made by E. McLaughlin, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the minutes from May 3, 2011 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Verdile Philibotte
Technical Assistant