

Gilford Conservation Commission  
Minutes for September 27, 2011 Meeting  
Worksession

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Vice Chairman-Lee Duncan, Everett McLaughlin, Douglas Hill, Diane Hanley, and Tom Drouin

**Members Absent:** Chairman-John Goodhue, Donald Sibson, Carole Hall, Larry Routhier Chuck Coons and John Jude.

**Others in attendance:**

Pat Tarpey.

**Call meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order by L. Duncan at 7:00 p.m.

**Establish a quorum**

L. Duncan 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:** None at this time.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2. Proposed 2012 Zoning Amendments**

**Discussion:**

Discussion ensued between members present and Pat Tarpey concerning current and proposed verbiage with 2.2.4 Island and Waterfront Shore Frontage District, Comprehensive Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, Watershed Protection Ordinance.

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to move said described shore district verbiage forward. Motion carried with all in favor.

Steep Slope discussion- The Commission discussed steep slopes and current regulations and definitions of steep slopes, Critical Elevation Conservation Area, lots, Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations. It was felt that Steep Slopes was a very complex issue and the

Planning Board needed to do further research, including reviewing OEP data and information on how other towns are handling them, particularly Laconia's ordinance after they put two years into it and has been amendable to all concerned. To address the Planning Board's concern for this year it was suggested that they not move forward with the proposed amended language but instead use the following language

"2) Section 5.1.1 b) Insert the blue sentence after existing 4<sup>th</sup> sentence (yellow) to address illegal filling/excavation:

....Buildable area shall not include land which is wetlands as defined by Section 15.2, prime agricultural land or agricultural land of statewide importance as classified by the Federal U.S. Soil Conservation Service, or land having a slope greater than fifteen percent (15%). **Excavation and/or filling of steep slopes in anticipation of creating buildable area is prohibited. ...."**

**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 had nothing to report.

**7. MINUTES-** None at this time

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by E. McLaughlin, seconded by D. Hill, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Drouin  
Temporary Scribe