

Gilford Conservation Commission  
Minutes for October 4, 2011 Meeting

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

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

**Members Absent:** Larry Routhier; Tom Drouin; Chuck Coons; Donald Sibson.

**Others in attendance:** Stephanie Verdile Philibotte, Technical Assistant.

**Call meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:05 p.m.

**Establish a quorum**

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established by appointing J. Jude and C. Hall to replace absent regular members L. Routhier and C. Coons.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Hall, to approve the agenda as presented.

**3. APPLICATIONS:** None at this time.

**4. PRESENTATIONS-**

1. VHB, Meadows and NRI discussion. Nancy Rendall was not in attendance.

**Discussion:**

D. Hill explained the SAU's next deadline is November 14, 2011 to submit revised information to the NHDES. He said the letter N. Rendall is drafting should be sent to the NHDES and the Commission should have the final draft of the letter on October 18, 2011.

The Commission decided to provide comments to D. Hill who will send them to N. Rendall.

**Motion:** Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by E. McLaughlin, to provide comments to D. Hill who will send them to N. Rendall.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**2. Proposed 2012 Zoning Amendments**

**Discussion:**

The Commissioners discussed the steep slope ordinance and when it would apply. They referred to comments provided by D. Hanley from her meeting with John Ayer, Director of Planning and Land Use, where they discussed the amendment would not apply to subdivisions or

commercial projects.

D. Hill and D. Hanley suggested that subdivisions and commercial projects and reviews be subjected to another type of review like the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process.

The Commission discussed who would be involved for the Town for enforcement of how much an applicant would be allowed to excavate at one time in order to create buildable area.

The Commissioners discussed an engineering review process. S. Verdile Philibotte explained the Town of Alton's engineering process and how it is used for large and small engineering projects and how a similar process in Gilford would be beneficial.

S. Verdile Philibotte discussed including revisions to the steep slope amendment to include commercial projects and subdivisions, not just single lots of record.

The Commission will forward Diane's comments for steep slopes for single lots of record and also draft something also for commercial uses. They are aware that the comments now are only addressing single lots of record and will prepare some comments that propose some type of CUP process with an engineering review included for subdivisions and commercial developments.

**Motion:** Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to: have D. Hanley submit revised comments that include addressing steep slope development for commercial projects and subdivisions.

Motion carried with all in favor.

### **Discussion Proposed amendment to Section 5.2.1**

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes and proposed to add the old CSPA (Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act) standards to be included into the Gilford Zoning Ordinance.

D. Hanley explained the idea of having all the communities in the Lakes Region that supports adopting similar Shoreland regulations hire one person to act as enforcement for all the communities and share the cost of the enforcement person. The goal is having uniform regulations around the Lakes Region.

The Commission thanked D. Hanley and agreed with the proposed changes and agreed to have the recent revisions to Section 5.2.1 forwarded to the Planning Board as the comments from the Conservation Commission.

**Motion:** Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to: have D. Hanley submit revised comments on Section 5.2.1 to the Planning Board as the comments from the Conservation Commission. Motion carried with all in favor.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS** Annual meeting of NH Association of Conservation Commissioners to be held.

**Discussion**

S. Verdile Philibotte provided the Commission with the training schedule for the Annual Conservation Commission Conference in November.

**6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:**

**Discussion:**

E. McLaughlin had a brief update on a property in town.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**7. MINUTES-**      September 13, 2011

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes as amended and presented.    Motion carried with all in favor.

September 20, 2011

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes as amended and presented.    Motion carried with J. Jude abstaining.

September 27, 2011

Motion made by D. Hill, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes as amended and presented.    Motion carried with J. Jude, J. Goodhue, and C. Hall abstaining.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Hall, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.    Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Technical Assistant