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Town of Grantham  
Grantham Conservation Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2009

Chairman Richard L. Hocker called the Conservation Committee meeting to order on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH

PRESENT

Chairman Richard (Dick) Hocker  
Adele Furdyna  
Andy Eastman  
Tom Vogel  
Merle Schotanus (Alt.)

ABSENT

Pat Woolson (Alt.)  
Jeremy Turner  
Martha M. Menard, Clerk

Members of the public:

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Hocker asked the Committee members if they had reviewed the minutes from the November 16, 2009 meeting and if there were any additions/corrections. There being none motion was made by Merle Schotanus and second by Tom Vogel.

*Unanimously Approved*

**New Business**

None

**Other Business**

**Planning for Conservation: Sub-Committee**

**Adele Furdyna; Merle Schotanus and Pat Woolson**

Hocker asked Furdyna if there was any new information since their last meeting. Furdyna stated that since they are on Christmas break there would be more information at the next meeting in January (if there were one) and would have something to report at that time.

**Frog Pond update:**

Hocker stated that he had given a copy of the paperwork to Town Administrator Becky Newton and reminded her of this. Hocker said she kindly forwarded it on to Town Attorney, Bart Mayer. Hocker stated that when the paperwork came back it had 4 (four) items on it and he informed Ken Ryder of which three (3) changes were taken care of. The fourth one pertained to the dumping of ditch materials in pertuity on Frog Pond lot was left as is.

Hocker stated that he had talked to Administrator Newton a week ago and that she said this would be presented at the Selectmen's meeting the following night. At this point and time Hocker said he does not know if this was discussed or not at the Selectmen's

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meeting. Hocker went on to say that if the Selectmen agreed to leave it, as is, than there is no reason why the Conservation Committee cannot proceed with the signing. Hocker said the next Selectmen's meeting is January 13, 2010.

### Miscellaneous

**Hocker said another issue** that he discussed is a need for a town wide "fill" material area for residents of Grantham. Hocker stated that the possible location could be at the Transfer Stations old burn pile location. He will look into this with Town Administrator Becky Newton.

**Hocker stated the committee** needs to give some thought to the trust fund for improvements on the Flewelling property, there is approximately \$4500 in there at the present time. There are two areas to give some thought to:

1. Problem the GCC ran into with Karen Partin feeling very uneasy about people coming up her driveway in the summertime. Hocker said he was looking into establishing a walking bridge across the old damn site that way it would keep the traffic off the driveway. Hocker stated that he would ask Bruce Flewelling to supply the drawings that he offered and hopefully present them at the next GCC meeting.
2. The culverts on Fay Road that streams across the road up towards the old school, one advantage to that would make it desirable from the standpoint of snowmobile's having complete access of Fay Road under the terms of the original easement along with cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, hiking etc. There was further discussion with board members on this subject.

**Hocker said the committee** has about three weeks to prepare a draft of an ordinance if they go to town meeting. This is in regards with rights the Conservation Committee has to do with Shoreland Protection for the Town of Grantham. Hocker said collectively speaking at this time the GCC does not have legal authority as to decision making as thought. Hocker stated he had put together a draft that he thought was appropriate, and that he had emailed Zoning Board Chair, Conrad Frey. Hocker said that Frey had sent back his thoughts on this topic. Hocker then asked the committee members how they would like to proceed.

Furdyna stated that her understanding is that if someone was to come to them with a problem, that the GCC would not have a say in the matter. Hocker said the way it stands right now is if anyone in this town observes a violation all they have to do is fill out a complaint form and send it in. They (the person) would not have to contact the GCC or the Town Administrator etc. Hocker stated that he felt with the words "Conservation Commission" on the bottom of a complaint form, that they should be notified and/or have a say in the matter through the proper channels as the GCC has done in the past. Hocker said that when he uses the word pro-active he's addressing something similar as the GCC has been doing in the past as opposed to re-active.

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Vogel stated that the distinction between the two is one place (Hocker) is acting in a conservative mode and the other active he (Hocker) was acting in a punitive mode. It's all about a violation and what kinds of authority/penalties may ensue from this. Vogel went on to say that he felt it was an important distinction to make as the GCC continues to proceed with these issues.

Eastman said that he recalls the GCC had had this discussion before with the fact that the Town of New London was in a pro-active fiasco and asked the members if they knew anything more about it. Hocker said what he can do is send everyone (GCC members) a copy of the ordinance being put forth and that they (Town of New London) have a separate body set up for the purposes of shoreland protection enforcement. Schotanus asked Hocker whom New London reports to? Hocker said his understanding was the Selectmen. Hocker stated to the committee that he would look into this as soon as he could. There was further discussion on this subject amongst committee members.

### Handouts

None

### Correspondence

None

### Adjournment

Hocker asked the members if anyone had any more questions. There being none motion by Adele Furdyna and second by Tom Vogel; ***the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.***

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2010 in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha M. Menard  
Clerk