GILSUM CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes meeting 4/18/18

Present: Acting Chair Janine Marr, Ralph Jernberg, Bill Whyte, Peter Granucci, Clem Lounder, Bart Cushing.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes of 6/14/18 were read and accepted by the members present at that meeting.

Minutes of 4/4/18 were read and accepted as presented.

Terms for the current board was reviewed and are as follows:

Chip Chapman, alternate 2019
Fritz Clark 2019
Janine Marr 2019
Bill Whyte 2020
Peter Granucci 2020
Ralph Jernberg 2020
Clem Lounder 2021
Bart Cushing 2021

Voted to allow appointed member Peter Granucci who has not been signed up formally as a member to vote during the meeting, passed.

Discussed Frog Pond project. No action taken, pending written access approval for a clean up.

Discussed the Waterfall property. Agreed to meet at the next meeting date at 6PM to view the site. We will meet at the town offices and go in one or two vehicles to view the site given limited parking. Discussed on this property and the deep hole, suggestions were to use signage to dissuade access to the property, listing for residents only, and use at your own risk. No action taken.

Website was discussed. All agreed to have a simple system so we could easily download our minutes and other information on a common platform. This is in the Selectmen’s hands and Bill Whyte will research further.

Discussed LUCT fund. Chair Marr had obtained from the Town Clerk the current fund balance of $57,035.50. This is a different figure than presented earlier by former Chair Clark,. Chair Marr said she would get a copy of his statement which indicated a larger number.
Chair Marr presented the current list of town owned properties she developed from request of the Town Clerk. It was noted that the list was three pages long, and appreciate the time and effort of assembling. Board thought it prudent to research some of the properties, notably those on Rt. 10 and Surry Road to see if they are of interest for preservation or recommend disposal. Chair Marr and Cushing will locate these properties on a map for review at the next meeting.

Discussion on the 2009 Rural Character Preservation Plan as was helped in development by the Monadnock Conservancy and adopted by Gilsum plan. Chair Marr provided a full copy of the text to each member present for their review.

Discussion on goals for the group. Agreement was made for goals of:
- Waterfall and swimming hole signage
- Inventory town owned property and recommendations on same
- Protection of large parcels of property in previously identified zones
- Revisit 2009 Rural Character Preservation Plan

Annual elections of officers, motion made by Jernberg for the following slate:

Chairperson: Janine Marr
Vice Chair: Peter Granucci
Secretary: Bart Cushing

The slate was approved unanimously.

Next meeting date is June 6th, meet at Town Office at 6pm for trip to the Waterfall property then open the meeting back at the Town Office at 7pm.

Adjourned meeting at 8:40pm.

Submitted:

Bart Cushing, Secretary 4/19/18