

Conservation Commission Meeting

December 1, 2016

Meeting Date: 12/1/2016

Secretary: G. Wigler

Location: Gorham Town Hall

Attendees: Mike Waddell, Mike Pelchat, Steve Malespini, Doug Gralenski and Gail Wigler.

Guests: Jeff Schall (former Gorham Selectman), Sally Manikian (Conservation Fund), Chris Thayer (AMC) and Larry Zack Urgese (AMC- Trail Supervisor)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45pm

Motion: Doug Gralinski made a motion to accept the minutes from the 10/27/2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike P. The motion was unanimously passed by the Conservation Commission.

Past Commission Minute

Mike W. asked Gail and Mike P. for assistance in looking for past conservation commission minutes located somewhere in Town Hall. The Conservation Commission was started in the late 1960's by Paul Dougherty and Mike W. wants to restore the historic record. His search has found records only back to 2004. He has sent e-mails to Town officials asking for helping in locating these records, but has been unsuccessful in his mission. He has also asked the Town for written protocol on how to document and store current meeting minutes.

ATC Application

Chris, Sally and Zach joined the meeting to assist the board with completing the ATC application. Zach (zurgese@outdoors.org, 466-8103 (h), 207-890-1533 (c)) and Lisa Gilbert (lgilbert@outdoor.org) will be listed as AMC advisory committee members. Lisa works in environmental education and liaisons with the local schools.

Follow Up:

- Jeff Schall updated photos for the application and added captions. These will be added at the end of the document as a possible appendix.
- Mike P. provided a description of AVSAR's responsibilities.
- Gail provided historic data on Dolly Copp, historic FS buildings in Gorham and trail work.

In regard to Question 12- Partnerships: Mike W. will add Trail Masters assisting with trail maintenance at Moose Brook State Park and community clean-up day at Moose Brook Park. Also the State Park partners with the Town of Gorham for recycling and waste disposal.

Other Supportive Information:

- Mike P. will ask the Randolph Mountain Club for a letter of support.

- Chris suggested adding Guy Shorey (WM photographer) and other famous WM mountaineers (Washburne) who lived and worked in Gorham.
- The Mt. Washington Observatory was once based in Gorham.
- Jeff will ask the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce for a letter of support
- Doug will ask for letter detailing the relationship of the AMC Educational Dept. and the Gorham schools.
- Mike P. suggested having a map of the entire AT trail posted at the kiosk at the Gorham Common.

Final Steps:

Mike W. will draft a letter of endorsement for the Selectmen. He will also set up a meeting with them to finalize the process.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be with the Selectmen to finalize application (TBA).