

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 6, 2020

Hillsborough Center Club

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice-Chair; Sam Stark; Roger Shamel (Attending by Phone starting at 7:02), Russ Galpin, Richard McNamara.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; J.P. Stohrer, Selectperson.

Tom Carr, Meridian Land Services; Brett Cherrington, Pam Stohrer.

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Linda White moved: *To nominate Richard Head Chairperson.***

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Richard Head abstained).**

**Richard Head moved: *To nominate Linda White as Vice-Chairperson.***

**Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Linda White abstained).**

## VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Tom Carr, Meridian Land Services** – Expedited Wetland Permit Application – Red Fox Crossing (M 16, L 15).

Tom described the project for the Commission. He noted that they had conducted the Test Pit with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Borden present, and that the septic tank will be required to be sealed. He also explained that he had tried moving the driveway but was unable to achieve better results.

Roger Shamel asked if the 12” culvert will be adequate? Tom Carr answered that it would be.

Tom Carr noted that the lot is served by Public Water and that there is currently a moratorium on hook ups, but that they hope to be able to build when it is lifted.

Russ Galpin asked where the water line was.

Tom Carr pointed it out running under the driveway.

Linda White asked if there is flow to the water that would run through the culvert.

Tom Carr answered that there is some flow northerly but not much.

**Linda White moved: To authorize Richard Head to sign the application on behalf of the HCC agreeing to it being expedited and waiving the right to intervene.**

**Richard McNamara seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

**b. Pam and J. P. Stohrer** Land Protection - Bog Road (M 3, L 36). The Stohrer's spoke to the HCC about their desire to become better stewards for their property and possibly put protections on it in the form of a Conservation Easement. She inquired about the costs of doing so and the possibility of any history of the town contributing funds for some of the costs. Pam Stohrer said they had also reached out to Five Rivers Conservation Trust (FRCT).

Richard Head outlined some potential costs such as surveying, developing a stewardship plan, a forest management plan, legal fees, transfer costs, a purchase price if applicable and a stewardship fee.

It was noted that the HCC has contributed to some costs in the past. Some possibilities are waiving fees, contributing to purchase, surveying etc. Richard Head said he thought the HCC would be interested in general and if the Stohrer's decided to proceed the HCC would probably be interested in looking at the property. He will inquire of FRCT about their interest.

**c. Brett Cherrington** – Old Mill Farm, Beard Rd. (M 8, L 106-25).

I. Brett Cherrington told the Commission that in walking the Town's / Commission's Old Mill Farm property recently he had observed some issues of concern on the property adjoining the access easement that houses the "Life Forest" site. Some of the concerns he raised included work in areas he believes may be wetlands. These include tree cutting and digging a water collection pit that is lined with a tarp (dredge & fill?). It was noted that the Commission has not received its copy of an Intent to Cut tax form that it usually gets, nor does it appear that a Dredge and Fill permit was obtained from the NH Department of Environmental Services DES. He provided some pictures to the Commission.

Consensus of the Commission was to conduct a site visit of the access easement and Commission property on Sunday August 9, 2020 at 10:00 am.

**Linda White moved: To authorize Richard Head to file a complaint to DES on behalf of the Commission at his discretion after viewing the site.**

**Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

II Brett Cherrington informed the Commission that the Town has formed an Energy Committee that is now meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00, currently at the Center Club.

## MINUTES

**March 5,, 2020**

**Richard McNamara moved: To approve the minutes of March 5, 2020.**

**Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

## CORRESPONDENCE

a. NH Lakes – Lakeside Quarterly Publications & Invoice

**Linda White moved: To authorize payment of the NH Lakes Invoice.**

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

b. Town of Hillsborough Expense Reports

c. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) – Account Statements

d. NHACC (NH Association of Conservation Commissions) – Bill

**Linda White moved: To authorize payment of the NHACC Dues.**

**Richard McNamara seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

- d-a Contoocook & North Branch River Local Advisory Committee Board (CNBRLAC). - Dues

**Richard McNamara moved: *To authorize payment of \$250 to CNBRLAC.***  
**Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

- e. NH Division of Forests and Lands – Notice of Harvesting Plans – Low State Forest (M 3, L 1).
  - f. NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services) & NE Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission – Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques. Linda White will take to review and pass on to others afterwards.
  - g. Eugene Edwards – Intent to Excavate – Rte. 31 (M 10, L 68 & M 7, L 190).
  - h. Hillsboro Aggregates – Intent to Excavate – Rte. 9 (M 10, L 44).
  - i. Antonio Mello – Intent to Excavate – 425 2nd NH Turnpike (M 7, L 196).
  - j. Green Oak Realty Development – Gleason Falls and Cooledge Roads (M 7, L 71).
  - k. Kevin Quinn & Tiani Osburn – Intent to Cut – Rte. 9 (M 10, L 4).
  - l. Joyce Davis – Intent to Cut – McColley Rd. (M 18, L 2 & 3).
  - m. Green Crow Corp. - Intent to Cut – Concord End Rd. (M 9, L 1).
  - n. Michael & Pam Pascale – Intent to Cut – Barden Hill Rd. (M 11D, L 266).
  - o. Plumer Farm Trust – Intent to Cut – Stowe Mountain Road (M 4, L 15).
  - p. Naomi Payne – Intent to Cut – County Rd. (M 2, L 1, 40, 40-1, 40-2).
  - q. Farmsteads of New England – Intent to Cut – 213 Center Rd. (M 9, L 47-1 & 2).
  - r. Gene LaBier – Intent to Cut – Preston St. n(M 12, L 49).
  - s. William Donahey – Intent to Cut – Cooledge Rd. (M 4, L 52-1).
  - t. Steven Williams – Intent to Cut – Sleeper Rd. (M 1, L 46 -1 & 2).
  - u. Frank Giuliano – Intent to Cut – Sleeper Rd. (M 1, L 18 & 48).
  - v. NHDES – Shoreland Permit Application Acceptance – 19 Turtle Bridge Crossing (M 14, L 613). It was noted that the HCC hadn't received a copy of the application.
- Richard Head asked John Segedy to follow up on.
- w. NHDES – Confirmation of Complete Forestry Permit – (M 1, L 18 & 48).
  - x. NHDES - Confirmation of Complete Forestry Permit – (M 3, L 1).
  - y. NHDES – Wetlands Permit – Red Fox Crossing (M 16, L 309 & M 14, L 558).
  - z. Pam Stohrer – Information Request regarding property management and protection.
  - aa. NHDES – Registration for Culvert Extension – Cooledge Rd.
  - ab. Solitude Lake Management – Aquatics in Brief Publication / Advertisement.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. 2020 Activities**

- i. **Presentation** – Tabled.
- ii. **Confluence Trail Update (M 11K, L 330-1)** – It was noted this could still proceed.

Richard Head will try to complete the RFP for review at an upcoming meeting..

- iii. **Website Update** – Commissioners will review past work and discuss at upcoming meetings.
- iv. **Signs** – Consensus to wait until next spring to install. Roger will continue to store.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Membership** – Continued vacancy was noted. Members were urged to reach out and hopefully find some younger blood.

**b. Potential Conservation Easement**

**Richard Head moved: *To enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II d.***

**Linda White seconded. Roll Call vote: Richard Head-yes, Linda White-yes, Sam Stark-yes, Roger Shamel-yes, Russ Galpin-yes, Richard McNamara-yes. Motion passed 6-0.**

**The HCC entered Non-Public session at 8:50.**

Present were Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice-Chair; Sam Stark; Roger Shamel (Attending by Phone); Russ Galpin; Richard McNamara; and John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Linda White reported that she had been approached by a property owner who is interested in putting his property (M 6, L 62) under a conservation easement. She noted that the property is one the Commission had interest in. It abuts the Coffin Property which is protected, a SPNF protected property and surrounds a town wetland on three sides. The property fronts on Colby and Bog Roads and Nelson Brook runs through it. The owner would like to continue to own the property and manage it for timber, wants to sell an easement and is looking for assistance with costs.

The owner is willing to come to a Conservation Commission meeting which Linda will coordinate.

**Richard Head moved: *To come out of Non-Public session.***

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

**The HCC exited Non-Public session at 9:05.**

**Richard Head moved: *To seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.***

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

**(Minutes were unsealed by vote at meeting of August 20, 2020.)**

**c. CNBRLAC** – Richard McNamara reported that the Committee had asked about construction on the expansion to the Chrysler Auto & Truck Business on 202 as they hadn't been informed of the project as required due to its proximity to the river. He shared the investigation he has done so far including a letter from Robyn Payson. He is going to continue investigating the matter.

**d. Fox Forest Timber Cut** – Russ Galpin reported attending an orientation meeting regarding an upcoming cut at the forest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Richard McNamara moved: *To adjourn.***

**Richard Head seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 9:15 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved August 20, 2020