

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 20, 2020

Hillsborough Center Club

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice-Chair; Sam Stark; Roger Shamel, Russ Galpin, Richard McNamara.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Jack Bronnenberg and Geoff Jones.

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

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Jack Bronnenberg and Geoff Jones** – Potential Conservation Easement – Colby Road (M 6, L 62).

Jack Bronnenberg spoke with the HCC about his interest in selling a Conservation Easement on his property on Colby Road. He explained he had bought the property as an investment for timber management. He related that he had a history of investing in timber and conservation and that he manages property for SPNHF (Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests) and Proctor Academy. He introduced Geoff Jones who is a forester that works with him. Geoff attested to Jack's commitment to managing property in a way that has respect for conservation values. Maps were shared highlighting the property's location in an area of unfragmented and protected properties. It would create a corridor between Farrar Marsh and Fox Forest.

Linda White noted that this was one of the properties the Commission had previously expressed an interest in in its planning for potential protection. She asked who was being considered for holding the potential easement? Jack Bronnenberg said he was open to the Town, Five Rivers Conservation Trust or SPNHF.

Richard Head asked if an appraisal had been done of a potential easement. Jack said it hadn't yet been done and suggested that the cost of an assessment might be something that could be shared.

Richard Head asked if there were any other reservations besides timber management that would want to be retained for the property? Jack Bronnenberg answered no.

Richard Head asked about speaking to 5 Rivers about the property. Mr. Bronnenberg said he hadn't done so but was ok with him doing so.

It was suggested that a site walk of the property would be the next step and one will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

MINUTES

a. August 6, 2020 – Non Public session

Linda White moved: *To approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Non-Public session.*

Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Roger Shamel moved: *To unseal the Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Non-Public session.*

Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

b. August 6, 2020

Russ Galpin moved: *To approve the minutes of August 6, 2020.*
Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

c. August 9, 2020

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of August 9, 2020.*
Sam Stark seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2 (Richard McNamara and Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Town of Hillsborough Expense Report
- b. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) – Account Statement The \$3,500 balance of 2019’s Appropriation and \$9,300 of Current Use funds had been added.
- c. NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services) Red Fox Crossing (M 16, L 15). Acceptance of Application.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **2020 Activities**
 - i. **Confluence Trail Update (M 11K, L 330-1)** – Tabled
 - ii. **Website Update** – John Segedy reported he had spoken to Dianne Rutherford and that if we want to add to site we can bring items to her to do so.
 - iii. **Beard Road Site Walk** – Richard Head suggested that they should reach out to the Life Forest with their concerns and inviting them to the next HCC meeting. He shared a letter he had written to do so.

Sam Stark moved: *To authorize Richard Head to send the letter as presented.*
Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard McNamara moved: *To adjourn.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:30 pm.
Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved September 3, 2020