

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 1, 2020

Hillsborough Center Club

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Terry Yeaton

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

MINUTES

a. September 17, 2020

Sam Stark moved: *To approve the Minutes of September 17, 2020*

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

b. September 20, 2020

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the Minutes of September 27, 2020*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Richard McNamara & Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Intent to Cut** – Timberwolf Logging – State of NH, County Road (M 3, L 1).

b. **Town of Hillsborough** – Manahan Park, Route 9 (M 10, L62). Permit by Notification Application.

c. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Board – Request for Comment** - Site Plan Application – Kevin McCauley – East Washington Holdings LLC, (M 1, L 21-1 & 27).

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Website** – John Segedy reported that a counter is not available on the website.

Linda White reported she had begun work on creating a section providing information about conserving land for the public. She has found a website that has an updated version of a book that she has used and referenced that she would like to link to. She will continue to work on this.

b. **Confluence Trail** – West Main Street (M11K, L 330-1). Tabled.

c. **Old Mill Farm Subdivision**, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1).

Richard Head updated the Commission that he had met with Linda Buono, Robyn Payson and Rex Gray. The needed conservation deed for L 9-1 has started to be prepared, and he will review it. The need for a locus description for L 9 was discussed. Richard Head will check with surveyor Peter Mellen to see if he has said description from having prepared the subdivision plan.

The Commission also discussed the access ROW easement for the open space lot. It appears that although a dredge and fill permit had been obtained (since expired) that the rear wetland crossing had never been completed. Richard Head suggested that the Commission should consider working on a trail crossing. He asked and Linda agreed to look into best management practices for such a wetlands crossing.

d. **Colby Road Forestry Lot** (M 6, L 62) – The Commission discussed the site walk of the property. It was agreed that it was a nice property in a good location. Richard Head expressed concerns about the Commission being the easement holder due to the fact that the intent is to manage the property for forestry and he questioned the Commission's expertise for monitoring a forestry plan. The Commission agreed and it was decided that the first step would be to reach out and see if there was another entity that would be better positioned to hold such an easement. Richard Head will reach out to 5 Rivers Conservation Trust (5RCT) while Linda White will contact the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF).

The Commission also discussed the need for getting an assessment of the value of such an easement. John Segedy suggested seeing if the town's assessor could do this. He will ask Laura Buono about that possibility.

e. **Rowe Marsh** (M 9, L 99). Surveying has not been completed. Richard will follow up with Art Siciliano (Surveyor).

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Site Plan Application** – Kevin McCauley – East Washington Holdings LLC, (M 1, L 21-1 & 27). John Segedy recused himself from discussion on this matter. Roger Shamel expressed concerns about affects on wildlife, Richard McNamara questioned traffic affecting wetlands. After discussion it was determined that Richard Head would attend the Planning Board meeting to share the Commissions concerns.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize Richard Head to express on the provided comment sheet and at the Planning Board meeting the Conservation Commission's concerns about :*

1 – Impacts to wildlife and corridors due to lighting, noise traffic and air pollutants.

2 – Impacts of associated recreational activities on wildlife, wetlands and surface water.

3 – Impacts of large septic system on wetlands and surface waters.

4 – Whether the 100 year flood plains boundary accounts for changes due to climate change.

5 – The large number of vehicles impacts on groundwater, wetlands and surface waters.

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

b. **Meeting Location** – John Segedy reported that Laura Buono had suggested the training room at the fire station was available and could hold the Commission and a few potential visitors. It was agreed that beginning with the next meeting to meet there.

c. **Easement Monitoring** – The Commission scheduled easement monitoring walks:

1. PSNH Easement – October 11th at 9:00am.
2. Smith Easement – October 18th at 9:00am.
3. Black Brook easement – October 25th at 9:00am.

d. **Wetland Ordinance** – Richard Head noted he had circulated some model ordinances for review. It was clarified that this would be something that would be worked on for next year (March 2022 annual meeting). Richard Head suggested setting a schedule for working on this in the next year. John Segedy said he thought that the Planning Board would be putting forth a clarification of the current shore-land ordinance (75') to add an explanation of purpose. Richard Head will follow up with Robyn Payson about this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wildlife Discussion – Coopers & Sharp Shinned Hawks were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved October 15, 2020