

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 19, 2020

Hillsborough Fire Station

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice-Chair; Roger Shamel (by phone), Terry Yeaton.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Alison Scheiderer, 5 Rivers Conservation Trust (5RCT) (by phone).

Chair Head appointed John Segedy in place of Richard McNamara and called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Alison Scheiderer, 5RCT** Maps of three properties had been provided before the meeting. She described the three properties and also noted that she had spoken to Jack Bronnenberg about the Colby Road wood lot property (M 6, L 62). Ms. Scheiderer spoke of the need to prioritize the properties as neither 5RCT or the HCC would be able to handle all four projects at the same time. Richard Head spoke of the possibility of savings if the Town Assessor can provide an assessment of the value of an easement. He asked about getting a copy of the easement that 5RCT holds on a property that Mr. Bronnenberg owns and Ms. Scheiderer said she will send it to the HCC. Upon being asked, Ms. Scheiderer noted that 5RCT would be willing to work with Mr. Bronnenberg again noting the need for a Forestry Plan and for clarity about the easement and responsibilities.

Roger Shamel pointed out the property on East Washington Road bordered Loon Pond, the town's water supply. John Segedy suggested that because of that there may be grant money available for protecting it. Ms. Scheiderer noted that this possible project was in its early stage.

The property on Windsor Road was noted as being primarily wetlands, including a small pond. There was discussion regarding whether there was any development pressure in that area. The property on Bog Road was noted to border Farrar Marsh. Ms. Scheiderer left the meeting at 7:40.

MINUTES

a. **November 5, 2020**

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the Minutes of November 5, 2020*

Linda White seconded. Role call vote: Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, John Segedy – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Website** – Richard Head spoke of the 5RCT site. He suggested their section of their properties might be a good model to use for the HCC. He will create a list of the Town conservation properties for the next meeting.

b. Confluence Trail -West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). - The HCC reviewed a draft of an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) that Richard Head had prepared. Roger Shamel suggested the need for clarifying some parts to be more explicit. John Segedy recommended specifying asking for qualifications to help the HCC determine what was needed and develop and RFP (Request for Proposal). Richard will circulate a revised draft for the next meeting.

c. Old Mill Farm Subdivision, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1). Richard Head described the letter / e-mail he had received from Rex Gray stating that the easements would be transferred.

d. Rowe Marsh (M 9, L 99). Surveying has been completed and map was shared with Commissioners. Richard Head reported he had e-mailed Mr. Siciliano regarding the cost for a Mylar of plan with the access easement included.

e. RV Park, Carr Road (M 1, L 21-1 & 27). John Segedy recused himself from discussion of this matter. Richard Head reported that the Planning Board held the site walk which he and Roger Shamel had attended. Roger Shamel spoke of concerns about flooding, traffic, air pollution and wildlife. He noted the development was close to the flood plain. Richard Head said he noted there was a lot of bare surfaces at this time. He noted he could suggest more space between the brook and the development. Richard said he had spoken to Eric McCauley regarding the possibility of an easement on parts of the property not part of the project. He suggested the HCC could ask for a condition not allowing ATV use by guests. Roger Shamel suggested a condition about the time. Richard Head noted that he questioned how that related to Conservation concerns. Linda White said she was concerned about the proximity of four of the sites near the marsh area that would be grandfathered from a potential future wetland ordinance the HCC would like to bring forward next year. Richard will submit comments on behalf of the HCC to Robyn Payson.

f. Annual Report – The HCC reviewed a draft report that Linda White had prepared. One correction was suggested. John Segedy will submit the report.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Meetings – The HCC discussed changing to virtual meetings. Consensus was to make the change for the foreseeable future. Access information will be provided with agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: To adjourn.

Linda White seconded. Role call vote: Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, John Segedy – Yes. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved December 3, 2020