

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 25, 2022

Held at Police Station Training Room

Approved Minutes

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

Members present: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton; Roger Shamel.
Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Rick Van de Pol, PhD, Ecosystem Management Consultants, LLC (By Video).

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Rick Van de Pol, PhD, Ecosystem Management Consultants, LLC** – Spoke to the HCC about an estimate he provided to map wetlands, and to draft & help pass a wetland ordinance. Topics discussed included drinking water protection; flooding protection; 25/50/100 year flooding; setbacks based on water quality, hydrological integrity and wildlife protection. Prime wetland mapping was discussed noting that one would let property owners see how an ordinance would affect their property. Use of term “High Value Wetlands” rather than “Prime Wetlands” was discussed noting statutory definitions and requirements that wouldn’t be implicated. Different tasks in the estimate/proposal were discussed. In determining whether to proceed with an ordinance it was recommended to discuss the matter with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Select Board and Code Enforcement Officer and that both positive and negative consequences should be considered. Rick Van de Pol left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

The Commission discussed the presentation and the Consensus was to authorize Richard Head to ask Mr. Van de Pol to provide a revised estimate with Option 2, Steps 1 & 2 and also a meeting after those steps to review it with the HCC and determine any further steps.

MINUTES

a. **December 28, 2021.**

A couple of changes were suggested.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of December 28, 2021.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Department - Subdivision Application - Preston Street (M 12, L 48)** – request for comment. The HCC reviewed and discussed the application. Richard Head expressed concern about the wetland delineation being straight lines. He also suggested a proposed condition prohibiting development impacting wetlands. Consensus of the Commission was to authorize Chair Head to submit the comments as discussed to the Planning Board.

b. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Department - Site plan Application – Henniker Street (M 12, L 317)** – request for comment. Upon review of the application the consensus of the Commission was that there wasn’t enough information to comment and that with further information would like the further opportunity to comment. Information the Commission would need to meaningfully comment on the proposal included: What are the specific anticipated uses including specific manufacturing, chemical usage and any discharges (liquid or air-born) or vehicle repair. Also desired was impervious surface information.

c. **Town of Hillsborough** – Quarterly newsletter plans. Ist issue in April with information requested in March.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Confluence Trail** - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). Tabled.
- b. **Rowe Marsh (M 9, L 99)**. The HCC reviewed the plat provided. Chair Head will check with Selectboard to approve recording.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Pack**– Terry Yeaton will hold on to the pack previously used to transport old computer.
- b. **Hazard Mitigation Plan** – John Segedy reported that the updated plan will be presented to the Selectboard at Wednesday’s meeting.
- c. **Property** – Roger Shamel reported that a one hundred acre parcel on Kimball Road was for sale.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*
Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 4-0 at 9:30.
Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved February 8, 2022