

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 10, 2024

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

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

Members present: James McDonough, Vice Chair; Jim Riddle, Roger Shamel, Terry Yeaton, Jim Narloch, Linda White.

Staff: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

## MINUTES

a. August 27, 2024

**Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of August 27, 2024.***

**Jim Narloch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Department** – Request for comment, 57 School St. (M 24, L 21). Subdivision Application. After a brief discussion the consensus of the Commission was that they had no comments.

b. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Department** – Request for comment, Harvey Way (M 110, L 152). Site Plan & Subdivision Application. The Commission expressed concerns about the wetlands on proposed Lot 152-4, the overall amount of impervious surfaces and the drainage of storm water.

c. **Town of Hillsborough Planning Department** – Request for comment, Henniker St. (M 12, L 113). Site Plan Amendment Application. John Segedy recused himself from discussion of this matter.

The Commission expressed concern about further minimal plans taking advantage of previous minimal plans, noting the lack of drainage plans. Also of great concern was the lot being in a flood plain and the risks of the use / disposal of toxic chemicals which could contaminate ground and surface waters and make their way into the river. John Segedy unrecused himself.

**Jim Riddle moved: *To approve submission of the three comment sheets as written (M24-L21, M110-L152, M 12-L113) expressing the concerns discussed. And further to authorize the Chair or his designee to attend hearings on the three proposals and express the concerns raised and elaborate upon them and to comment on other conservation issues that arise at the hearings.***

**Jim Narloch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

d. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly Expense report.

e. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** – Account balance \$235,825.80.

f. **NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Application for Renewal of Groundwater Management Permit, 271 Henniker St.

g. **DES** – Reported Alleged Violation, Sleeper Rd. (M 1, L 46-2). It was noted that this appeared to have the incorrect address / lot number on it. James McDonough will ask Chair Head, who has been communicating with the party, to follow up with them to have them contact DES to correct it.

h. **Intent to Cut** – Fox Forest, Center Rd. (M 8, L 143).

i. **New Hampshire Forests & Lands** - Notice of Fox Forest Field Day September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS****a. Confluence Trail - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1).**

i. Trail Applications – Tabled.

ii. Eversource Pole Project – Linda White reported she had received a reply e-mail regarding the osprey nest. Eversource has forwarded the Commission’s concerns to their environmental specialist and stated nothing has been decided yet. Terry Yeaton said he had talked to Fish & Game and they will get in touch with the Environmental Department.

**b. Work Session – Trail / Conservation Property List** – John Segedy reported he had spoken to the School Superintendent about wording regarding access to the Underpass Trail and she will be getting back to him after reviewing the current wording with possible suggestions. Jim Riddle said he had one more site to get GPS coordinates for. He reported doing some research about Meeting Hill Rd. and discovered there was a town meeting house just north of there. It was suggested that a name for the conservation property at the end of Meeting Hill Road be named “Meeting Hill Woods”. Consensus was in agreement. Jim Riddle said he had spoken with Barbara Richter at the NHACC (New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions) regarding the possibility of mapping assistance being an appropriate task for an intern / grant. He said she thought it would. He said he would prepare a draft application for the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Shedd Brook Conservation Area** – Terry Yeaton spoke of the meadow that had previously been a log landing. He asked about cutting some of the brush that is growing back to keep the area open. Consensus agreed with the idea.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.***

**Jim Riddle seconded. Motion Passed 6-0 at 8:10 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 24, 2024