

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 12, 2025

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

Chair Richard Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present: Chair Richard Head, Vice-Chair James McDonough, Jim Narloch, Linda White, Roger Shamel, Jim Riddle.

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

Public: Jack Blevens, Intern; Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological LLC (via video).

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological LLC – Jeff was invited to speak to the Commission about updating the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) he had completed for Hillsborough about ten years ago. After introductions, Jeff discussed the process, including incorporating new data that has become available in the past 10 years, field work and available aerial and computer mapping. Linda White noted that documenting wildlife corridors was of interest as well as providing a comparison summary between the initial NRI and the update. Roger Shamel suggested that documenting areas of flooding due to climate changes. Jeff Littleton noted that pairing flooding with its effect on wildlife as well as trees and flora could be useful with grant applications. Speaking of process and pricing Jeff noted it could vary depending on the needs identified. He suggested that they would be looking at \$25,000 – \$30,000. It was noted that a full new NRI similar to the NRI that was done 10 years ago for \$10,000 would run from \$30,000 - \$75,000. It was suggested that meeting with Jeff or his staff at a couple of meetings in the fall would allow them to outline what the scope of the project and costs would be. Jeff left the meeting at 7:45. The HCC decided to have members prepare lists of things to consider and then they would discuss this at the September 9th meeting. Richard Head said he would try to send electronic copies of the current NRI to everyone.

MINUTES

a. July 22, 2025

Jim Narloch moved: *To approve the minutes of July 22, 2025.*

Roger Shamel seconded, Motion passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Hillsborough Planning Board – Request for Comment. Charles Eastly III, 94 Hall Road (M 7, L 174). Application for Site Plan Review. The Commission reviewed the application. Concerns were raised about the closeness of the area where the cars would be and the road. There were also concerns about work being done on the cars including washing them to sell.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize Chair Head to express the concerns on the comment sheet.*

Jim Narloch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize Chair Head or his designee to attend the Public Hearing for this application and to comment consistent with concerns discussed and other Conservation issues that arise.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE Continued

- b. NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)** – Application Received. Shoreland Permit Application. 8 Redfox Crossing (M16, L 50).
- c. James & Colleen Whitney** – Intent to Cut. Farley Road (M 5, L 69).
- d. William Donahey** – Intent to Cut. Cooledge Road (M 4, L 52 & 52-1).

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mapping Update** – Jim Riddle distributed maps. He described some work he had done on the Lake Lot.
- b. Signs** – Roger Shamel reported that the town had cut a check to him that was for printing and signs so he paid the vendors from that. He also reported that the signs have been installed.
- c. Volunteer** – Jack Blevens updated the Commission on his work. He reported that he had finished the hikes and shared comments about them:
 - i. Main map – there are roads on it that aren't there or are not passable.
 - ii. House Rock – The designated parking area is very muddy.
 - iii. Farrar Marsh – He couldn't find the first branch off of the trail and the Boundaries with the State's property weren't clear.
 - iv. Underpass trail – Noted the beginning area is overgrown and not marked. Also it is very wet in the underpass.
 - v. Confluence Trail – The Eastern branch is hard to find.
 - vi. Lake Lot – The West side is hard to find and is close to the property lines. Jim Riddle noted this is a work in progress.
 - vii. Meeting Hill Woods – Left trail is established. The right one is not well developed.

He has sent out several of the stories he has written and will be finishing them up. Jim Riddle will talk with The Messenger about publishing Jack's stories and would like to post them on the HCC's webpage, once Jack has completed them.

Jack also reported he doesn't need a paid subscription to post the maps on All Trails.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Trail Committee** – Jim Riddle noted he had seen in a story in The Messenger about the Selectboard/EDC/Planning Board joint meeting that they were considering starting a Trails Committee. John Segedy said he had spoken with Laura Buono about this and had pointed out what the HCC has been doing. Laura said that Mike Tardiff of Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission would be coming to talk to the Commission about this.
- b. Wild fires** – tabled.
- c. Holiday Scheduling** – tabled.
- d. Confluence Trail** – Richard Head noted that the existing trail bridge needs to be removed by September. The Commission will hold a work session On August 24th at 10:00 to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Jim Riddle seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved August 26, 2025