

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 26, 2025

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

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

Members present: Chair Richard Head (7:00-7:27), Vice-Chair James McDonough, Jim Narloch, Linda White, Terry Yeaton, Jim Riddle.

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

Public: Brett Taber, Commissioner - Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD).

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Brett Taber, ELVD** – Brett asked about a previous meeting where there was discussion of a lot that a property owner was considering offering to the HCC. There was also discussion of the section of Ravenhead Lane that is out due to a culvert failure that connects two parts of wetlands. Floated was the idea of not replacing the culvert and instead restoring that section as wetland. Brett also asked about a private well sampling presentation that had been discussed and indicated the ELVD might be interested in participating. Richard Head said he was now thinking about doing it next spring.

Richard Head left the meeting at 7:27.

MINUTES

a. **August 12, 2025**

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of August 12, 2025.*

Linda White seconded, Motion passed 4-0-1 (Terry Yeaton abstained).

b. **August 24, 2025**

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of August 24, 2025.*

Linda White seconded, Motion passed 4-0-1 (Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Town of Hillsborough** – Notice of Public Meeting regarding proposed restoration work at the former Woods Woolen Mill at 23-25 West Mill St. (M 25, L 28).

b. **New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)** – Shoreland Impact Permit. 14 Edwards Road (M 18, L 21).

c. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** – Conservation Fund Account balance \$245,874.37.

d. **NH Lakes Association (NHLA)** – Pamphlets and reminder about annual dues.

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the payment of \$300 dues to NHLA.*

Jim Narloch seconded, Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Mapping Update** – Jim Riddle reported he had distributed maps to the Franklin Pierce Homestead, and Fox Forest. He reported that Ingeborg Seaboyer told him that they are redoing the Fox Forest Trail maps and will be including the access/connections to the Meeting Hill Woods Trail and Underpass Hike Trail.

OLD BUSINESS

a. (continued) Jim also reported that Ingeborg had expressed concern about the Low Forest map as they have had problems with ATV's in the past. Jim was put in touch with Inge's supervisor, Scott Rolfe, who said the map was okay. They (NH Forests & Lands) don't do much maintenance with Low Forest. He asked if the HCC was interested in "adopting" the Low Forest Trail. Consensus was to discuss that at the next meeting.

b. Signs – Roger Shamel reported (by e-mail to John Segedy) that there was still an outstanding bill from Premier Printing. John Segedy will follow up.

c. Volunteer – Jim Riddle reported that Jack Blevens had circulated an update to the Commission. He asked for suggestions for future work. Assisting with the Water Sampling presentation was suggested.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

a. Conservation Property – Tabled.

b. Wild fires – There was a brief discussion. James McDonough will follow up with the Fire Department.

c. Holiday Scheduling – tabled.

d. Confluence Trail – Terry Yeaton noted that some of the trail signs need to be replaced/repaired.

e. NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) – A link had been circulated to get it electronically. Commissioners are encouraged to review for discussion at the next meeting.

f. Henniker ATV Hearing – Jim Riddle reported he had attended this hearing on a petition to discontinue ATV use on 3 town roads. He said it was informative to hear the differing views.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Riddle moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 9, 2025