

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 23, 2025

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

Chair Richard Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

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

Public: Craig Tufts, Central NH Regional Planning Commission (Via video).

VISITOR BUSINESS

Craig Tufts, Central NH Regional Planning Commission and the Commissioners introduced themselves. Mr. Tufts and the Commission discussed a suggestion made at an EDC (Economic Development Commission) meeting regarding the potential establishment of a Town trails committee and the trail work that the HCC has already been doing on its own. It was suggested that the HCC meet with the Hillsborough Selectboard to brief them on the HCC's trail and mapping work. It was also suggested that the EDC be invited to attend. Consensus was that after that meeting the HCC could discuss the idea again after seeing details of the EDC's plans. John Segedy will contact Laura Buono to schedule the meeting. Craig offered to be involved in future trail planning and development, as it is part of his job.

MINUTES

a. September 9, 2025

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of September 9, 2025.*

Roger Shamel seconded, Motion passed 7-0.

b. September 9, 2025 - Non-Public

Linda White moved: *To approve the Non-Public minutes of September 9, 2025.*

Roger Shamel seconded, Motion passed 7-0.

Linda White moved: *To unseal the Non-Public minutes of September 9, 2025.*

Jim Riddle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) – Request for survey completion. Members will complete on their own.

b. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) – Wetlands workshop. James McDonough will attend.

c. Town of Hillsborough – Monthly expense report.

d. Town of Hillsborough Planning Department – Request for Comment. Application for Lot Line Adjustment. Myrtle Street & Hoyt Lane (M 23, L 94 & 104). Consensus that there were no Conservation concerns and thus no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

a. NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) update – Linda White reported she had provided Jeff Littleton with the issues the HCC would potentially like to see addressed in an NRI update including estimate(s) and what can be done this year. Items identified are:

1. An update of the original chapters in the Inventory.
2. Comparison summary between the new and old NRI.
3. New recommendations.
4. Wildlife corridors.
5. Trails map.
6. Inclusion of new conservation land.
7. NH Wildlife Action Plan aspects pertinent to Hillsborough.
8. Incorporation of Rick Van de Poll's "Hillsborough High Value Wetlands Mapping Project" from December, 2023.
9. Possible copy of the finished report without embedded maps that can be uploaded to the Town's website.
10. Climate change impacts: flooding, fires, erosion, flora & fauna

Jeff will attend the October 14th meeting in person.

b. Signs – Jim Riddle reported that he had picked up the latest batch of maps. He turned in the invoice (previously authorized). He also shared the 'End of Trail' and arrow signs. He suggested getting some signs with arrows pointing two ways, and mentioned the need to purchase more arrow signs.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize increasing the expenditure of up to \$150.00 to \$200.00 for purchase of additional arrow signs.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 6-1 (Terry Yeaton voted no).

c. Training – Jim Riddle will be attending an NHACC trails workshop on Oct. 3.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the reimbursement of \$35 to Jim Riddle for fee for attending trails workshop.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

d. Milkweed – John Segedy reported he had spoken to Laura Buono and she will ask about cutting be done later in the fall in the future. There was also discussion of introducing swamp milkweed onto the Confluence Conservation Property. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

e. Files – Old Documents – John Segedy shared pictures of older HCC activities.

f. Low Forest – The Commission reviewed a sample maintenance agreement. Consensus was to discuss further at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Easement Monitoring – After discussion the HCC decided that individual Commissioners would complete the monitoring: Terry Yeaton will do the PSNH Easement, James McDonough - Olivia Smith Easement and Richard Head – Black Brook Pond Easement.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Protected River Signs – Terry Yeaton reported that the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Council is replacing 'Protected River' signs. He also noted that the library was collecting plastic bags for recycling and that there are no open fires allowed in the state.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Jim Riddle seconded. Motion passed 7-0 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved October 14, 2025