

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 25, 2026

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Offices, School St.

Chair Richard Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Doug Lischke was appointed to vote in place of Linda White.

Members present: Chair Richard Head, Vice Chair James McDonough, Terry Yeaton, Roger Shamel, Jim Narloch, Doug Lischke (Alternate).

Staff: John Segedy, Secretary & Alternate.

Public: Jack Blevens, Intern; Steve Gehman; Andy Edwards CNBRLAC (Contoocook & North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee) (via video call).

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. Andy Edwards presented and reviewed a power point describing CNBRLAC's proposed project to establish a "Contoocook River Paddler's Trail" and an associated Guidebook. The project will establish the trail the length of the river from Contoocook Lake in Rindge to its merger with the Merrimack River in Penacook. The plans will use historic "put in' and take out" locations that currently exist. Each section (reach) will have an information kiosk and picnic table at its beginning put in. In Hillsborough kiosk & tables are planned at the River Walk/Grimes Field and at the head of the Confluence Trail Conservation Area. There was a discussion of presenting the proposal to the Selectboard for official permission including for parking. Chair Head will coordinate getting on their agenda. There was discussion of placements being in visible spots.

Doug Lischke moved: *For the HCC to support the Contoocook River Paddler's Trail.*
Jim Narloch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Chair Head asked if there was anything else the HCC could do for the project. Andy Edwards noted they are already supporting the CNBRLAC with two members. Providing feedback on placement, some labor during construction and handling postings on the kiosk once completed were suggested.

MINUTES

a. **August 11, 2026**

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the minutes of August 11, 2026.*

Jim Narloch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

b. **August 11, 2026 Non Public Session**

James McDonough moved: *To approve the minutes of August 11, 2026 Non Public Session.*

Doug Lischke seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Department of Environmental Services (DES) – Forestry Statutory Permit-By-Notification (M 3, L 1).**

b. **NH Department of Revenue – Intent to Cut. Sand Knoll Road (M 9, L 2).**

c. **NH Department of Revenue – Intent to Cut. Bog Road (M 6, L 38 & 40).**

OLD BUSINESS

a. NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) – Linda White said there was no update this week.

b. Summer Intern Report – Jack Blevens reported he had walked the Cemetery Trail, The Underpass trail & the Meeting Hill Woods trails. He noted that there was a cabin to the right of the Cemetery trail that he didn't remember being there. At the Meeting Hill Woods he noted that the trail immediately to the right from the parking was overgrown. The trail markers are a definite improvement but if not being maintained they might want to consider discontinuing it if it isn't maintained.

Jack also talked about the time spent cleaning up glass at Grimes Field/River Walk and there still being more to do. John Segedy suggested that he let the Parks & Recreation Director know about it.

c. Conservation Easement – Richard Head said he had spoken to Peter Mellen about a survey proposal.

d. Borey Subdivision Proposal – Doug Lischke reported about having attended the site-walk.

ADJOURNMENT

James McDonough moved: *To Adjourn.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 9, 2026