

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 18, 2019

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Richard McNamara, Russ Galpin.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Bill Collins

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Bill Collins asked about getting a copy of the report the HCC commissioned regarding the ATV proposal last fall. John Segedy said he would e-mail it to him.

Mr. Collins said he had property with wet area with running water and was interested in creating a vernal pool. Richard Head discussed the matter and mentioned if it wasn't done right it could be harmful to wildlife if it dries up with wildlife eggs in it. Bill Collins said there was an old small dam on the property that wasn't working that he might be able to use. Richard Head pointed out that he would need a permit from DES (Department of Environmental Services).

MINUTES

1. April 4, 2019

Richard McNamara moved: *To approve the minutes of April 4, 2019.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 2-0-2 (Richard Head and Russ Galpin abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Office of Strategic Initiatives – Planning (OEP), NHMA (NH Municipal Association), ACC (Association of Conservation Commissions)** - John Segedy had forwarded to Commissioners information about upcoming training's offered by these organizations. Chair Head reported that Laura Buono, Town Administrator had urged the Commission to consider carefully spending of money on trainings.
- 2. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Acceptance of Application. 74 Sawmill Road (M 11G, L 417). - Received at previous meeting but hadn't received copy of application. John Segedy reported that he had followed up and been told by Meridian representative that a copy had been sent, but that they would send another. He has since spoken with the Town Clerk who reported she still had not received it. He will follow up further.
- 3. ACC - Monthly Newsletter** – It was noted that DES had made changes in their proposed changes to the wetlands rules that seemed responsive to concerns that the HCC and ACC had raised.
- 4. NH Lakes Association** – Conference Pamphlet
- 5. Green Oak Realty – Intent to Excavate** – Gleason Brook and Cooledge Road (M 7, L 71).
- 6. Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly expense report

7. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) - Conservation Fund Account Statement.** (Balance \$107,541.44).

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2019 Activities List

a. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Review / Prioritizing areas for protection.

The HCC updated those absent from the previous meeting about work done updating its maps. It was noted that the group process may not be the most efficient method for such a project. Richard Head said he would work on them himself for the next meeting.

b. Easement Presentation

Richard Head opened discussion of what topics should be addressed. Items suggested include: tax benefits, costs, what is permitted (restrictions or allowances).

Linda White said she has a book that was used for a previous presentation. She will try to bring it to the next meeting for review.

c. House Rock Cleanup

The HCC set May 4th as date.

d. Confluence Trail

John Segedy reported that it had been decided to put sidewalk on the south side of the road so a driveway permit will be needed.

It was acknowledged that it was still too wet for walking or working on the trail. The HCC will schedule a walk in May or June as weather allows. Richard Head suggested that the Commission will need to consider the potential for any structural damage during flood events.

John Segedy reported that he had sent the list of potential contractors to Richard Head.

2. **Bio-Bliz** – Linda White explained the program as a scavenger hunt for wildlife on a Town Property that is being offered by the UNH Extension service. They are planning on accepting ten towns over the next three years. They are looking for properties of at least 50 acres and preferably 100 or more. Richard Head asked what the product would be? He also asked about the timeline. Linda White will inquire to answer his questions. The HCC discussed the Confluence trail property as a potential for the project but it was determined it was too small. Richard McNamara discussed the Town owned property near Loon Pond. Richard Head suggested they keep this in mind while working on the property review.

New Business

1. **ACEP (Agricultural (and Wetlands) Conservation Easement Program)** - Has been added to the list of grant opportunities on the ongoing project list..

ADJOURNMENT

Richard McNamara moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved May 2, 2019