

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 22, 2023,

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Richard Head, Chair; James McDonough, Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton, Jim Riddle, Roger Shamel.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Mel Bennett, Life Forest; Tom Hambleton.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Mel Bennett, Life Forest; Tom Hambleton – Lot Line Adjustment Beard Rd. (M 11E, L 9 & 9-1). Chair Head reviewed the plans (adjustment and original subdivision) and some history of the development. Tom Hambleton asked what the purpose of the lot line adjustment was. Mel Bennett explained that for the Life Forest the adjustment would avoid their need for putting in a culvert and would exchange wetlands for some easier accessed property. Chair Head explained that for the Conservation Commission it would provide better access to the trail system that exists on the back property as well as the ability for its expansion. Tom Hambleton stated he didn't feel it was of equal value to the town. He also expressed concern about water levels on his abutting property. Richard Head noted that Mr. Hambleton's concerns seemed to center on two areas: wetland use and building on the two lots. While he noted that the wet lands couldn't be developed and neither the HCC or Life Forest had plans for any development of the lots he suggested that restrictions could be put into the deed/plan. Chair Head asked Ms. Bennett to have the wetland and development restriction included as a condition on the plan as well as a statement giving the HCC the right to enter and view the Life Forest (L 9) with notice.

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve proceeding with the Lot Line Adjustment as presented with the conditions discussed.*

James McDonough seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mel Bennett agreed that Life Forest will have the adjoining property lines marked with markers provided by the HCC after the Lot Line Adjustment is finalized by the Planning Board.

Mel Bennett also informed the HCC that the Life Forest had partnered with Southern New Hampshire University to have an intern program. She asked if the HCC might be interested in some Trail Maintenance work as part of that. Chair Head said they would be interested. Mel Bennett will send course info to Mr. Head to review.

MINUTES

a. August 8, 2023

Richard Head and Jim Riddle suggested corrections.

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of August 8, 2023 as amended.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Antioch ES Collaborative Service Initiative RFP Announcement – Chair Head noted they had applied for this before without luck. He suggested the Commissioners think about ideas

for discussion at the next meeting. James Riddle suggested maybe developing a list of protected properties in town to be put on the web site. He will investigate that for discussion.

- b. **DES** – Notice of Henniker’s Wastewater Discharge Permit reissue.
- c. **NH Lakes Association** – Quarterly Publication.
- d. **Richard Mello** – Intent to Excavate, 2nd NH Turnpike (M 7, L 196).

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Confluence Trail** - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). Tabled.
- b. **Weatherstone Crossing Easement. Antrim Rd. (M 11L, L 311).** – Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Riddle moved: *To adjourn.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 5-0 at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 12, 2023