

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 18, 2019

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Sam Stark, Terry Yeaton, Alison Scheiderer, Peter Mellen (Arrived 7:15).

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
John Segedy was designated to vote in place of a vacancy.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Alison Scheiderer, 5 Rivers Conservation Trust – Ms. Scheiderer addressed the Commission. She noted that 5 Rivers is a Land Trust that serves 17 towns including Hillsborough. The Trust currently has over 4,800 acres of land conserved. Ms. Scheiderer explained that while they (the Trust) have up to this point been reactive they are attempting to be more proactive and are creating a strategic plan. She further explained that as part of that process she is meeting with their partners, the 17 towns / Conservation Commissions which is what brings her to the evening's meeting. She said she was looking to learn the Commission's priorities. Noting the town's NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) and its inclusion in the Master Plan she asked about what the Commission had in process. Linda White explained that the HCC is currently in the process of identifying areas and properties of interest for conservation, referencing the NRI and Ecologically Significant Areas (ESAs) and the Quabbin to Cardigan Initiative. They are focusing on the Northern section of town down to the Loon Pond area, the SE corner of town and properties within the Aquifer Protection zone. Richard Head noted that once that step is completed the HCC was planning an informational process with a speaker to explain the benefits of conservation to interested property owners. Peter Mellen expressed interest in protecting the Loon Pond area and its watershed. There was discussion of obtaining easements or property in the area. Richard Head asked Alison for ideas on speakers they could use. She answered that she might be able to help in areas adjacent to other areas the Trust works with and the Commission might also look to other Land Trusts working in adjacent areas. Alison Scheiderer left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

2. Peter Mellen

a. Lake Lot (M 9, L 40) – Peter Mellen provided the completed survey of the property. He noted that while the encroaching portion of the encroaching building at 6 Birch Tree Lane (M 17, L 197) had been removed, the floor had been left in place and there was now a screen house upon it (encroaching). He also noted that there is a fire pit encroaching behind 10 Birch Tree Lane (M 17, L 195). Chair Head will talk to the Selectboard about officially designating the lot as being under HCC management for conservation purposes pursuant to RSA 36-A, as well as the encroachments. Peter Mellen also pointed out that the property also has an easement to access from Old Henniker Road that a trail could be cut over to connect to the existing trail along Sand Brook. Peter provided an invoice for his work.

Linda White moved: *To authorize payment of the Mellen invoice of \$908.*

John Segedy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

b. **Rowe Marsh (M 9, L 99)** – Peter Mellen reported that he had received a call from Art Siciliano regarding an older plan that had been completed of the area by the Mellens. He is willing to calculate the information and provide it to Mr. Siciliano at an estimated cost of \$150.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Peter Mellen to calculate and provide survey data to Arthur Siciliano at an estimated cost of \$150.*

John Segedy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

c. **Loon Pond** – The Commission discussed the Loon Pond Ordinance with Peter Mellen.

MINUTES

June 20, 2019

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of June 20, 2019 as presented.*

John Segedy seconded. Motion passed 2-0-1 (Richard Head abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Lakes Association** – Annual Report.
2. **DES (Department of Environmental Services)** – West Main St. (M 18, L 23). Shoreland Impact Permit.
3. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** - Conservation Fund Account Statement. (Balance \$108,170.32).
4. **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** – Engineering Models Notification for floodplain mapping in the Contoocook Watershed.
5. **Justin Biagiotti** – Intent to Cut – Second NH Turnpike (M 11H, L 303).
6. **David Fullerton** – Intent to Cut – School Street (M 12, L 35).
7. **DES** – 212 Gould Pond Road (M 9, L 170), Request for more information.
8. **DES** – Bear Hill Road (M 12, L 144). Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification.
9. **DES** – 49 Marina Road (M 19, L 15). Shoreland Permit Application – Request for more information.
10. **DES** – 49 Marina Road (M 19, L 15). Wetlands Permit.
11. **DES** – 49 Marina Road (M 19, L 15). Shoreland Permit.
12. **DES** – West Main Street (M 18, L 23). Acceptance of Permit Application.
13. **DES** – Bog Road (M 9, L 2). Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification.
14. **Cheryl Barlow** – Gould Pond Road (M 9, L 170). Wetland Permit Application.
15. **Solitude Lake Management** – Advertisement.
16. **Eugene Edwards** – Route 31 (M 10, L 68). Intent to Excavate.
17. **Eugene Edwards** – Route 31 (M 7, L 190). Intent to Excavate.
18. **GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc & Eversource** – (M 11D, L297 & 298 and M 11G. L 288). Shoreland Permit by Notification Application.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **2019 Activities List**
 - a. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Review / Prioritizing areas for protection.**

Linda White reported she had started a spread sheet of properties as discussed. She will continue working on it.
 - b. **House Rock** – Tabled.
 - c. **Confluence Lot (M 11K, L 330-1)** – The HCC scheduled a work session on August 4 at 9:00 am.

Wildlife Discussion

A Fisher sighting and Deer were briefly discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

John Segedy seconded. Motion passed 3-0 at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved August 1, 2019