

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 7, 2019

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Linda White, Vice-Chair; Sam Stark; Roger Shamel; Russ Galpin; Richard McNamara (Arrived 7:10); Richard Head, Chair (Arrived 7:20).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate, Jon Daley, Selectperson.

Vice-Chair White called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Johansson – Beard Rd – ROW (M 11E, L 9).- Tabled.
2. Jon Daley – Informed the Commission that Luke Levesque will be attending the next Selectboard meeting to discuss plastics recycling and possibly no longer recycling plastics. He noted that if the Commission or individuals opposed the change they should come to that meeting to express their opposition. No opposition was expressed by the Commissioners. Richard Head suggested that if anyone is interested in speaking individually they could research the matter and do so.

MINUTES

1. October 17, 2019

John Segedy suggested a word change.

Sam Stark moved: *To approve the minutes of October 17, 2019 as amended.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Town of Hillsborough** - Request for Town Report and proposed budget. Linda White will prepare a draft report and Richard Head will prepare a draft budget for discussion at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2019 Activities including:

a. Property List & Presentation Update – John Segedy reported that while he wasn't clear what the review he had been asked to do was to center on he had reviewed the Map 1 properties. He recognized that the list created by Linda White was limited to lots or combination of lots of 50 acres or more, but noted some smaller lots that might be of interest. Richard Head and Richard McNamara spoke suggesting that the monitoring costs of smaller properties might outweigh the preservation value. Richard Head said he would get an enlarged overlay of the NRI map of Ecologically Significant Areas. This will allow the original list be narrowed down.

b. House Rock Sign – Roger Shamel reported that the sign has been ordered and will be ready in about two weeks. He said he hopes to have the flier ready for review at the next meeting.

c. Confluence Trail – (M 11K, L 330-1) - Proposal Review

Richard Head moved: *To enter Non-Public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II c.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Roll Call vote: Richard Head – yes, Linda White – yes, Roger Shamel – yes, Russ Galpin – yes, Richard McNamara – yes, Sam Stark – yes. Motion passed 6-0 The HCC entered Non-Public session at 8:10 pm.

The HCC agreed to allow Jon Daley to be present in the non-public session.

Richard Head reviewed the process that had been followed and noted only one bid was received, from Ann Poole.

The Commission discussed the proposal, including the cost, the responses to questions in the RFQ, the fact that the applicant was a local business and the fact that there was only one response.

Richard Head suggested that perhaps the questions in the RFQ could have been better.

The consensus of the Commission was to reevaluate the process.

Richard Head said he would work on revising the RFQ/RFP.

Richard Head moved: *To exit non-public session.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:27 pm.

The HCC returned to public session at 8:27 pm.

Linda White moved: *To seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

(The HCC Unsealed the minutes of the Non-Public session of November 7, 2019 on December 19, 2019.)

John Segedy reported that the sidewalk project had been discussed at a Selectboard meeting and that the initial draft didn't have the sidewalk cut on it, but that Laura Buono would be addressing it with the engineer.

Russ Galpin will initiate paperwork for obtaining Department of Transportation approval of curb cut.

2. Henniker Street Property – (M 12, L 116). The HCC discussed the Conservation value of the property and its proximity to the abandoned railroad bed. Roger Shamel shared a photograph of the property. The HCC decided to conduct a site visit on November 17th at 10:00 am. Chair Head asked John Segedy to post it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting – Roger Shamel & Richard McNamara reported on the meeting they had attended. They shared some handouts they had received.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Richard McNamara seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved November 21, 2019