

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform

Approved Minutes

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm and read Emergency Authorization for virtual meeting – see Appendix 1.

Members were polled indicating their presence and any others at their location:

Richard Head, Chair – no one else present; Linda White, Vice Chair – no one else present; Sam Stark – no one else present, Roger Shamel – no one else present, Richard McNamara – no one else present.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; James Murphy, Paul Alfano, Tim Brown

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. James Murphy – Partners Farm Subdivision, Windsor Road (M 7, L 119)

Conservation Easements - James Murphy addressed the HCC and explained that he was looking to sell the entire property that had been subdivided. As part of that he was going to be asking for the Hillsborough Planning Board (PB) to conditionally (subject to sale) revoke the subdivision and was asking for the HCC to agree. He detailed that they were not looking for return of land that had been conveyed to the Town (HCC)(Areas A & B), were not looking to eliminate the Conservation Easements along the Black Brook Pond Brook (Areas D & E), or to eliminate the access easements (Areas F, G, & H). They will be asking to eliminate and revoke the Conservation Restrictions on portions of the proposed subdivided lots (Area C). He noted that he would also be asking the PB to eliminate & revoke a slope easement and a fire cistern easement but did not believe that concerned the HCC.

Paul Alfano said they were also asking to eliminate what they referred to as a license for access over the existing logging road. Tim Brown explained that he and his brother were looking to purchase the property for building a vacation home and enjoy the property for recreation but saw the access license as a problem as they didn't want to have the general public walking or driving through the property, especially close to the existing farm house or a new vacation home.

Richard Head asked how the HCC and the public would access the other side of the brook (Areas B & E)? Tim Brown said they could have foot access through the brook. Richard Head said he was not agreeable to having access to the lot by wading across the brook. Mr. Brown agreed the bridge could be used for foot traffic.

Richard Head asked about parking near the access easement? Tim Brown said he would not want parking on the property but people could park along road.

John Segedy asked if they would be agreeable to foot access only on the logging road. Tim Brown answered no, as it would still be close to the house. He said they could agree to the HCC use of the road for its once a year monitoring.

Richard Head said he could agree to eliminate the Conservation Restrictions (Area C), but felt it was a Planning Board issue. He would like the HCC to have access for monitoring. Roger Shamel and Linda White agreed with Richard.

Linda White moved: *Upon the release/revocation of the Partners Farm Subdivision by the PB, the HCC agrees to release any interest it may have in Conservation Restrictions in Area C of the Subdivision Plan.*

Roger Shamel seconded. A roll call vote was taken – Richard Head – Yes, Linda White – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Linda White moved: *Upon the release/revocation of the Partners Farm Subdivision by the PB, the HCC agrees to release any interest it may have in its own or the public's license to access easements or open space property via the existing logging road up to the existing bridge except conditioned on the HCC use of the logging road for the purpose of easement monitoring or similar access only.*

Richard McNamara seconded. A roll call vote was taken – Richard Head – Yes, Linda White – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Richard Head as Chair of the HCC to recommend to the PB that the Partners Farm Farm Subdivision and the license of public access over the logging road, subject to conditions outlined in the above motion, be terminated upon the transfer of the property.*

Roger Shamel seconded. A roll call vote was taken – Richard Head – Yes, Linda White – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES

a. May 4, 2021.

Linda Whitel moved: *To approve the Minutes of May 4, 2021 as presented.*

Richard McNamara seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Richard Head – Abstained, Linda White – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes, Motion Passed 4-0-1.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ron Klemarczyk – E-mail thread regarding Gleason Falls Road (M 7, L 105) timber cut.

b. Brett and Tammy Davison – Intent to Cut, Beard Road (M 11I, L 50).

c, James Murphy, James Soucy – E-mail thread re: Partners Farm Subdivision, Windsor Road (M 7, L 119).

OLD BUSINESS

a. Website – Tabled

b. Wetland Ordinance presentation – Tabled.

c. Old Mill Farm Subdivision, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1).

Chair Head reported that Attorney Sullivan had responded by letter agreeing to granting an easement on the entirety of lot 9-1 but enclosing the previous draft easement only on part of the lot.

d. Colby Road (M 6, L 62) – Tabled.

e.. PSNH Easement Marking – Chair Head reported that Peter had said he could do it but was busy at the moment.

f. Confluence Trail – West Main Street (M 11K, L 330-1) Site Walk scheduling. Chair Head reported that Terry had agreed to lead it. He asked John Segedy to coordinate scheduling.

g. ARP funding possibility. John Segedy reported that at the direction of Chair Head he had submitted for consideration: I Easement on property adjoining Loon Pond, II River Walk improvements, III – Confluence trail.

h. Hazard Mitigation Update Committee – Chair head asked for a volunteer. None were forthcoming.

i. Commission Meetings – Consensus was to continue meeting remotely at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard McNamara moved: *To adjourn.*

Roger Shamel seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken: Richard Head – Yes, Linda White – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes. Motion Passed 5-0 at 8:55.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved June 1, 2021

Appendix 1:

**Town of Hillsborough Conservation Commission
Emergency Authorization notice**

As Chair of the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that:

We are utilizing the Zoom Meeting platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom Meeting platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through the following:

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by going to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86128206714>

Or by One tap mobile:

+19292056099,,82029173666#

Or Dial in by your location: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Or find your local number at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86128206714>

Use Meeting ID: 86128206714

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom Meeting and instructions are provided on the Town of Hillsborough's website at: www.town.hillsborough.nh.us.

If unable to connect to the meeting call Chair Richard Head at 603-716-8235

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.