

# **HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**February 2, 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; Terry Yeaton– no one else present, & Richard McNamara– no one else present, Sam Stark- no one else present, Roger Shamel – Susan Shamel present.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Susan Shamel; Matt Lundsted, Comprehensive Environmental Inc.; Chris Royer.

## **VISITOR BUSINESS**

**a. Matt Lundsted, Comprehensive Environmental Inc. (CEI)** - Chair Head introduced Mr. Lundsted to the Commission. Mr. Lundsted described his company as a civil and engineering firm with offices in Merrimack, NH, Bolton, MA and Connecticut. He noted he is also the Chair of the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Advisory Committee and a member of the Peterborough Conservation Commission. Richard Head shared the map of the proposed project with the roughed in proposed trail. He described the proposed project as being in the flood plain and crossing wetlands and as probably not likely to be ADA accessible. He noted that the Commission planned to invite interested contractors for a site walk of the property in the spring.

Matt Lundsted informed the Commission that CEI would be able to design crossings and do mapping. They have experience working with volunteers and also could bring in people he had worked with on Peterborough trails to help with trail work. He noted that if one follows the Trail making BMP's (Best Management Practices) one can usually avoid the need for permitting.

Mr. Lundsted described some projects in Peterborough that were similar such as behind their Shaws (Off Elm St., Cranberry Meadow trail off Old St. Road and a newer , more elaborate trail off Cunningham Pond Road.

Mr. Lundsted left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

**b. Chris Royer** – Chris addressed the HCC and explained he was interested in purchasing a lot on the south side of Black Pond Brook (M 7, L 119) and was looking for accessing the property over the proposed development road and crossing the Conservation property along the Brook. Linda White asked what kind of vehicles would be using the proposed access easement. Chris answered for occasional logging, and personal access perhaps to eventually building a cabin. John Segedy asked if the camp would be seasonal or full time residential. Mr. Royer answered that while he was only planning on a camp at this point he would like the possibility for two full time residences. John Segedy asked if he would be alright with excluding excavation and associated trucking from the easement. Mr. Royer said he would agree with that.

Chris Royer said he was looking for an approval of the concept before going further with the process. Richard Head said the process would have to include the seller and lawyers to review any documentation. John Segedy suggested that the Planning Board would need to approve this as a change to the subdivision plan and the Selectboard would need to approve the change of a property interest.

The Commission discussed wording of approving the concept while ensuring the Town's interests were protected as the process proceeded.

**Linda White moved:** *To recommend to modify the easements known as the Black Pond Brook River Corridor and any associated easements for the limited purpose of allowing accessing Lot 119 for up to two residential buildings and periodic logging of the property.*

**Roger Shamel seconded. Roll Call Vote:** Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes, Sam Stark - Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Chris Royer left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

## MINUTES

### a. **January 21, 2021**

Linda White offered grammatical changes.

**Richard McNamara moved:** *To approve the Minutes of January 21, 2021 as amended*

**Linda White seconded. Roll Call Vote:** Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Sam Stark– Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes, Roger Shamel - Abstained. Motion passed 5-0-1.

## CORRESPONDENCE

a. **New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI)** – E-mail regarding upcoming webinar "Digging into RSA 155-E" an introductory session on RSA 155-E, the state's law regarding earth excavations.

b. **Ryan Mingarelli** – Center Road, (M 8, L 144 & M 9, L 2) Intent to cut.

c. **Frank & Judith Malinoski** – Rt 9 (M 19, L 8) – Wetland Application

d. **Jessica Smith, Storage Barn of Hillsboro, LLC** – Site Plan Application &

**Hillsborough Planning Board** – requesting comments. The HCC reviewed the application and noted that the proposal was not within 75' of the Contoocook River and thus didn't present an impervious surface issue. Consensus of the commission was that there were no concerns. Chair Head will submit the PB's comment sheet noting "no comments."

## OLD BUSINESS

a. **Website** – Tabled

b. **Confluence Trail -West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1)** – Tabled.

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

Tabled.

d. **Rowe Marsh** (M 9, L 99). Tabled.

e. **Cooper Site Plan**, Antrim Road (M 11L, L 319) & **Hillsborough Planning Board** – requesting comments. Consensus of the HCC was that the plan needed more info and they would like to review new plans when they are completed. Chair Head will submit the PB's comment sheet reflecting the Commission's interest in further review.

f. **Conservation Land Discussion** – John Segedy noted he had shared pictures of a Heron Rookery that had been shared on social media that was near the end of Windsor Road in the vicinity of one of the properties that the HCC and 5 Rivers Conservation Trust had previously discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. **Data Base access.** Tabled.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Roger Shamel moved:** *To adjourn.*

**Linda White seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken:** Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes, Sam Stark - Yes. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved February 16, 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:

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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

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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.