

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 28, 2021

Held at Police Station Training Room

Approved Minutes

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

Members present: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton; Roger Shamel; Richard McNamara.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Laura Buono, Town Administrator. Water & Sewer Commissioners: Peter Mellen, Chair; Chris Sieg; Dave Lewis (7:30 – 8:00).

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. Laura Buono – Spoke to the HCC about their request for the Town of Hillsborough Highway Department to fill a portion of the parking area at the House Rock property on Sand Knoll Road (M 3, L 6). She reported that she had viewed the area with Ernie Butler who had questioned filling the area without also improving Sand Knoll Road or alternatively creating a parking area near the intersection with Kimball Road. Consensus was to just fill the low area of the existing area. Laura Buono also noted that a request had been made for maintenance work of the River Walk at Grimes Field (M 12, L 131). The consensus of the HCC was that it would be fine to do so. Ms. Buono will discuss this with the Parks Department to arrange something in the spring. Ms. Buono also reported that the deed for the Beard Road property (M 11E, L 9-1) has been recorded. A copy will be forwarded to the HCC. The HCC will arrange for marking in the upcoming year. Laura Buono left the meeting about 7:30 pm.

b. Hillsborough Water & Sewer Commission (HWSC) – The two Commissions discussed their joint interest in protecting property in the Loon Pond watershed area and the HCC's plans for holding a Public Presentation about land protection in the upcoming year. After discussing properties in the area, the Commissions agreed to keep in touch and possibly work together if any properties become available for protection. The HWSC left at 8:00 pm.

MINUTES

a. December 14, 2021.

A couple of corrections were made.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of December 14, 2021.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Project Genesis – Holiday greeting.

b. Fox Forest – Center Road (M 8, L 144 & M 9, L 2) – Intent to Cut.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Wetland Ordinance Study – Chair Head reported having officially notified that the Commissions request for student support for a study had not been accepted. A project outline that Richard Head had prepared was reviewed along with an initial estimate that had been provided by Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D., Ecosystem Management Consultants, LLC. After discussion Richard Head said he would try to set up a Zoom call with Mr. Van de Poll for the next meeting.

b. Old Mill Farm Subdivision, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1). The HCC discussed the need for marking of the recently obtained deed along with expansion of the existing trail system as well as signage.

c. Confluence Trail - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). Chair Head reported that he and Terry Yeaton had outlined the proposed trail electronically. Chair Head will submit the information to the Natural Heritage bureau to continue the permit process..

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

e. Annual Report – The HCC reviewed the initial Draft report that Linda White had prepared. Some changes were suggested.

f. Planning Board projects – Chair Head reported on projects that the HCC had previously reviewed:

1. The Davison (M 11I, L 50) subdivision was approved with conditions.

2. The Bear hill subdivision was approved with conditions.

3. The West Main Street (M11F, L 20) site plan was approved subject to completion of DES (Department of Environmental Services) approval of an Alteration of Terrain permit. Chair Head suggested the HCC submit its concerns to DES.

Linda White moved: *To authorized Chair head to submit comments previously made regarding West Main Street site plan to DES..*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

4. The Antrim Road (M 11I, L 319) site plan was tabled to review an abutter's concern.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Annual Report – Linda White will write a draft to be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 5-0 at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved January 25, 2022