

# **HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**February 21, 2019**

**Hillsborough Town Office**

**Approved Minutes**

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Russ Galpin, Roger Shamel.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate (Arrived 7:07).

Jon Daley, Selectperson; Terry Yeaton

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

## **MINUTES**

### **1. February 7, 2019**

**Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the minutes of February 7, 2019.***

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) & Fox Forest -**  
Pamphlet / Invitation to 2019 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series March 19 to April 9.
- 2. Thomas Carroll – 19 McAdams Road (M 20, L 6) – Wetlands Permit by Notification**  
Request to repair existing stairs, wall and patio.
- 3. Town of Hillsborough – Expense report.**
- 4. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) - Conservation Fund Account**  
Statement. (Balance \$107,121.32).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Easement Monitoring, Philbrick Easement –** Terry Yeaton reported he had walked the Easement and had not noticed anything of concern. He said there was one marking sign that was loose. He reported signs of moose, rabbits and coyotes.  
Linda White reported she had entered the visit in the monitoring log.
- 2. Driveway Permit – West Main Street –** Russ Galpin said he had talked to the Department of Transportation. John Segedy noted that Scott Bourcier had sent the information about the permit as requested.  
Russ Galpin reported that the Permit would be good for 1 year. The application was reviewed. Consensus was it was straightforward. Richard Head suggested waiting until Dubois & King completed the sidewalk plans so they would know which side of the street the sidewalk would be on and revisit the permit at that time.  
Roger Shamel asked about where on the property the roughed in trail was. The property map was reviewed.

3. **Rowe Marsh Surveying** – The proposal received from Arthur Siciliano, LLS, was reviewed by the Commission.

**Linda White moved:** *To accept the proposal from Arthur Siciliano, LLS, to Survey and Monument the Commissions property at M 9, L 99 for \$4,450.00 as proposed, and to authorize Chair Head to accept the proposal on behalf of the Commission and to authorize payment of a retainer in the amount of \$1,100.00.*

**Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

#### 4. 2019 Projects

##### a. **NRI Review/ Prioritizing Areas of Protection**

Richard Head stated the purpose of reviewing the NRI was to develop land conservation priorities as a Commission. He suggested that before considering specific properties and areas the Commission should determine what they want to see for the town. He suggested 'Homework' for the Commissioners to review the NRI with the question of priorities in mind.

Linda White and Richard Head provided a map of the Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership (Q2C) and Hillsborough's section of it. Richard Head suggested the possibility of grant funding.

Roger Shamel suggested that Murdough Hill was an area with an excellent view to be considered.

John Segedy suggested that if the voters passed the proposed Aquifer Protection Ordinance, this should be considered as areas that should be protected. He also noted that the Commission had discussed creating a list of Mitigation opportunities per the suggestion of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and that could also tie into the prioritization planning. Richard Head suggested adding that as a separate item on the project list.

**b. Cellar Hole Inventory** – It was suggested that Roger Shamel head up this initiative as it was his suggestion. It was also suggested that he reach out to the Historical Society to see if they have or know of any such information already existing. It was also suggested that the Historical Society may be interested in partnering on this project.

**c. Conservation Easement Template** – Richard Head passed out a draft he had prepared. He asked Commissioners to review it for further discussion at a future meeting. Linda White asked about the Commission's prior focus on assisting other organizations to hold easements. John Segedy said it made sense for the Commission to be secondary easement holder.

Linda White suggested updating the NRI's conservation map. Richard Head agreed that they should keep track of changes until the occasion for updating the maps arose.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Aquifer Ordinance** – The HCC discussed supporting the proposal. Jon Daley asked if the Commission was in favor of it? Mixed opinions were expressed. No action was proposed.
2. **ATV Legislation** – Roger Shamel mentioned new laws that were being considered by the legislature. Richard Head recused himself from the discussion of this topic. It was noted that currently ATV's are being used illegally, particularly in the Hall & Gleason Falls Road area and the Bog Road area. Jon Daley was asked if the Town would be doing anything about this. Jon Daley noted that Emerald Lake Village District

allows them on their roads. He noted that signs were needed on the borders with town roads and that he would be looking into that in the spring.  
Richard Head un-recused himself.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Linda White moved: *To adjourn.***

**Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved March 7, 2019