

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2019

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Richard McNamara (Arrived 7:15).

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

Election of Officers was tabled until the next meeting.

## MINUTES

### **1. March 7, 2019**

Roger Shamel suggested an addition.

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

**Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Russ Galpin abstained).**

## CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) - Bio-Bliz.** E-mail describing UNH Extension Service program providing assistance in assessing biodiversity on town property. Linda White will investigate benefits, requirements and other information about the program for discussion at the next meeting.
- 2. Solitude Lake Management – Advertisement Pamphlet.**
- 3. Town of Hillsborough – Notice of Town Cleanup Day on April 27, 2019.**
- 4. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) - Conservation Fund Account Statement.** (Balance \$107,321.04).
- 5. Terrain Planning and Design, LLC – Improvement Plan for 49 Marina Road (M 19, L 15)** submitted to Department of Environmental Services (DES).
- 6. Ann Poole – e-mail regarding Wildlife Habitat Presentation.** Richard Head suggested this would be good to consider in light of other discussions about presentations regarding property preservation.  
Roger Shamel noted a recent presentation at the Audubon Society about conserving land. He will obtain further information about it.
- 7. NHACC – Annual Bill.** Previously received but held until passing of yearly budget at Town meeting.

**Russ Galpin moved: *To authorize payment in the amount of \$325.***

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

- 8. Ann Eldridge, Bradford Conservation Commission (BCC) – Request presented by Linda White for payment of bill for Interpretive services relative to a proposed joint conservation easement.**

**Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize payment of the bill for interpretive services.***

**Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Russ Galpin abstained).**

9. **DES** – Acceptance of Application for Shoreland Permit – 49 Marina Road (M 19, L 15).
10. **NHACC – Barbara Richter** – E-mail response to Richard Heads e-mail about public presentations and trail construction.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. 2019 Activities List**

##### **a. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Review / Prioritizing areas for protection.**

Richard Head passed out copies of the NRI maps for Commissioners to refer to. He also reviewed the Commissioners plans for this activity and current status to bring Richard McNamara up to date. The HCC discussed the need to update the maps. Consensus was to begin with the list of town and conservation properties that Linda created last year. Richard Head said he would get large copies of the maps for the Commission to work on.

John Segedy shared the list of properties in current use as discussed at the previous meeting. Richard Head suggested that it might or might not provide useful information for the Commissions work.

The HCC briefly discussed the suggestions of Ms. Richter and information about the SCA NH (Student Conservation Association's New Hampshire Corps).

**b. Cellar Hole Inventory** – Roger Shamel reported that he had spoken to a couple of people and that some names could be found on old maps. He said that concern had been raised about publishing a map of actual locations due to existence of 'treasure hunters' who search such sites with metal detectors and may disturb or take historical artifacts. He suggested abandoning this project and the consensus of the Commission agreed with him.

**c. Confluence Trail** – The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of grants for work on the trail and / or other projects. Developing plans for work on the Confluence Trail was discussed. Richard Head asked John Segedy to get list of those professionals that had expressed interest last year.

#### **2. Contoocook & North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) –**

Richard McNamara reported he had attended his first meeting. He said he would be doing training on water testing as they monitor the river water. They had also talked about organizing a day for all the towns along the river to coordinate events along the river.

Richard McNamara reported that the CNBRLA had received notification of the proposal for work at 49 Marina Road but hadn't discussed it yet.

John Segedy recused himself from discussion of the matter.

The HCC discussed the proposal noting the patio conversion was not impervious.

Richard Head commented that DES prefers perched beaches and may require that.

Richard McNamara said it didn't look like there would be much new effect on the lake.

The HCC declined to take any action or comment on the proposal.

John Segedy unrecused himself.

### **New Business**

1. **Membership** - Richard McNamara agreed to become a Commissioner. Consensus of the HCC was in support of him doing so. Richard Head will submit his name to the Selectboard for appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:50 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved April 4, 2019