

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 17, 2019

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Sam Stark, Richard McNamara, Roger Shamel, Russ Galpin.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate, Jon Daley, Selectperson.

Terry Yeaton, Brett Cherrington

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Brett Cherrington addressed the Commission about:

- a. That a large branch had come down from the 'Big Oak'.
- b. That the wildlife corridor between the Tractor Supply and Old Drift Way should be protected. He spoke of an extensive list of wildlife that have been sighted there.
- c. He asked about the Town Property sale that is coming soon. He asked about town owned properties in the Bennett subdivision bordering conservation land and Fox Forest. John Segedy informed him that the property was not on the sale list. Brett Cherrington reminded the HCC of previous discussion about re-merging the properties for conservation. Richard Head said he would have the Commission consider the matter. Russ Galpin said the properties were appropriate for residential development.

MINUTES

1. October 3, 2019

Sam Stark moved: *To approve the minutes of October 3, 2019.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Russ Galpin abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Laura Buono – E-mail thread -** Town Form E-mail account. E-mails from the HCC's town account will be forwarded to John Segedy and if possible also to Richard Head.
- 2. Chris Phaneuf, NH Granit – E-mail thread –** Regarding Olivia Smith Easement. John Segedy has provided corrective information.
- 3. NHACC (Association of Conservation Commissions) - E-mail –** Taking Action For Wildlife Survey. Information has been forwarded to all Commissioners to complete survey.
- 4. Solid Earth Technologies - Email –** Advertisement for product for supporting boardwalks.
- 5. John Kaufhold – E-mail thread –** Is interested in donating his Henniker St property (M 12, L 116). The HCC discussed the property and whether it has any conservation value. The topic was tabled until the next meeting to give Commissioners a chance to view the property.
- 6. CommuteSmart NH – E-mail –** Fall Commuter Challenge.
- 7. NHDES (Department of Environmental Services) – E-mail thread –** Requesting Surface Water Data. The request has been forwarded to the Water Commission.
- 8. NHDES – Denial of Wetlands Application –** 212 Gould Pond Road (M 9, L 170).
- 9. NHDES – Notice of Complaint Received –** 836 West Main, Antrim (M 19, L 1).
- 10. Jack Bronnenberg – Intent to Cut –** Colby Road (M 6, L 62).

11. **NH Fish & Game** – Trail planning guide.
12. **NH Correctional Facilities** - Sales Information.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2019 Activities List

- a. **Property List & Conservation Presentation** Tabled
- b. **Sign – House Rock** – Roger Shamel shared a mock-up which the HCC reviewed.

Consensus of the Commission was to proceed with having the sign made for the \$390 price quoted. Roger also spoke about the brochure/map he was working on. He will e-mail it to the Commissioners for review at the next meeting.

- c. **Confluence Trail** – Richard Head reported that only one of the two responders to the RFQ is proceeding with the process and he will be walking the site with her on Saturday.

2. CNBRAC (Contoocook and North Branch River Advisory Council) – Richard McNamara provided an invoice for the Commission's \$250 share of costs / dues.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize the payment of \$250 to the CNBRAC for 2019 dues.*

Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Richard McNamara abstained).

3. Trail Monitoring – Terry Yeaton, Roger Shamel & Sam Stark will be conducting a monitoring walk of the Olivia Smith Easement on October 20th at 9:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wetlands Rules Changes – John Segedy reported on a training he had attended on changes to the State's wetlands rules that are effective on December 15th. He reported some of the notable changes and noted that the power point slides from the session are being posted on the NHDES website.

2. Rail Trails – Richard McNamara reported that he had been informed by Bill Collins that there had been concerns raised about the possibility of toxins being present on old railroad beds.

WILDLIFE DISCUSSION

Hornets, bears and foxes were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Richard McNamara seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved November 7, 2019