

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 28, 2014

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Richard Head, Jim Young, Ann Ford (Alternate).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.
Robyn Payson, Planning Director

Andrew Madison - Granite State Rural Water Protection (GSRWP).

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

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Andrew Madison - Granite State Rural Water Protection – Drinking Water Protection Plan

Andrew Madison explained the project for which they have obtained a grant. He was clear to explain that the plan was for the town to use as an advisory tool, but that there is no requirement for the Town to take any action. The plan will survey and suggest protection strategies both for the two public water sources (Town of Hillsborough and Emerald Lake). They will also cover the at least seven 'transient' public sources (camp, gas station, motel, etc.) He said that the process will be similar to that used for the Emerald Lake Plan which was recently completed.

Richard Head asked how long the project would take.
Andrew Madison said he hoped to complete it in December.

Linda White asked if there would be a public presentation of the plan.

Andrew Madison said that would be possible to do.

Robyn Payson said that they were holding a Public session on September 16, 2014 to get public input into the plan.

Terry Yeaton asked if he was looking for a volunteer. Andrew Madison answered that yes he was requesting that someone from the HCC serve on the advisory committee for the project which will meet about once per month. John Segedy said that while he had served on the Emerald Lake Committee because no one else was available, he thinks that someone else may better represent the HCC's views. Jim Young said he would be willing to serve, but that he would be unable to attend for about a month from October to November. The consensus was to have Jim Young represent the HCC on the committee.

MINUTES

1. July 10, 2014

Richard Head suggested some changes.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of July 10, 2014 as amended.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Jim Young & Ann Ford abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Gary Spaulding** – Emerald Lake Properties – 10, 12 Firefly Lane (M 16, L 121, 122). Request for town to take back two lots forwarded from Selectboard for comment. After discussion the consensus of the HCC was that in light of the lots being unbuildable, there was minimal use to the town. The HCC also recommended that it be suggested that the property owner offer the properties to abutters in keeping with recommendations in the Emerald Lake Master Plan. A letter to the Selectboard was prepared.
2. **Richard McNamara** – E-mail thread with Brett Cherrington regarding Chute Forest of which he is now a steward.
3. **Intent to Cut** – Bickford Road (M 7, L 136).
4. **Intent to Cut** – Emerald Lane (M 9, L 100 & 116)
5. **Donald R. Mellen, Surveyor, L.L.C.** – Field Guide and invoice for Patenaude Meadow marking.
6. **Moosewood Engineering, LLC** – E-mail with updated Master Plan chapter. Commission will review and discuss at next meeting.
7. **Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Letter of Closure for Letter of Deficiency – 7 Flint Road (M 6, L 59).
8. **DES** – Wetlands Permit – Patten Hill Road (M 9, L 19).
9. **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)** – Save the Date Notice for Annual Meeting.
10. **New Hampshire Lakes Association (NHLA)** – Email thread regarding bill, Monthly Publication and request for donations. Terry is taking care of bill.
11. **Northpoint Engineering** – Application for Dredge & Fill Permit – Bog Road at Sand Brook.
12. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly Account Statements. \$112,093.38 balance in Conservation Fund. \$6,072.50 balance in contracted services budget line.
13. **Sur Realty** – E-mail thread with Brett Cherrington. Will get testing info for HCC.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion of Contract Services** – The HCC discussed possible uses of the balance of the appropriation. It was determined that after accounting for payment for the Patenaude Meadow project that there is about \$4,000.00 available.

The HCC discussed existing potential projects. The consensus of the HCC was that the 'Widow Murdough' lot would be too expensive to do this year, but that the Knapton lot might be affordable. An estimate will be sought from Peter Mellen.

The HCC discussed the discussion that had taken place with Peter Mellen on August 24, 2014 regarding the Patenaude Meadow project and possibly marking one corner with a 6"x6"x48" granite post with sand blasted marking for \$166.00 plus labor for installation.

Richard Head moved: *To authorize Peter Mellen to install the sand blasted 6"x6"x48" granite post as discussed.* Seconded by Jim Young. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee**

John Segedy informed the HCC about a recognition that the Committee is going to make. He also has obtained a contact on the Committee he will put Jim Young in touch with.

3. Solar Garden Proposal – Hillsboro Town Solar, LLC / NH Solar Garden LLC

The Planning Department forwarded a requested “Exemption From Site Plan Review” for the project. There will be a Public Hearing on the request on Wednesday, September 3, 2014. The HCC was requested to provide comments on the project. After discussion the consensus of the HCC was to express support for the expansion of solar power in Hillsborough, but to express no opinion on the requested exemption. Richard Head wrote and Terry Yeaton signed the comments on behalf of the HCC.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 25, 2014