

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 7, 2016

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Richard Head; Ann Ford, Alternate.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Peter Mellen

Acting Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Ann Ford was appointed to vote in place of a vacant position.

MINUTES

1. July 7, 2016

A couple of wording suggestions were made.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of July 7, 2016 as amended.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Peter Mellen, Donald R. Mellen Surveyor, LLC

Peter Mellen presented the plan he had prepared of the Hildrith Mill Lot on Bog Road (M 6, L 42) to the HCC. He briefly reviewed the history of the lot and the property boundaries and made note of the fact that there was a discrepancy regarding the eastern boundary with the State of New Hampshire's property. Consensus of the commission was that it wasn't an issue that needed to be pursued as both properties are protected. Peter Mellen also provided a bill which Acting Chair Yeaton will submit for payment.

Peter Mellen noted that the information regarding the Widow Murdough lot boundary issue had been forwarded to the other property owner's surveyor and he is still awaiting a response.

The HCC briefly discussed Commission membership.

Peter Mellen left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Shoreland Impact Permit – Antrim Road (M 11D, L 298).
2. **DES** – Complaint received – 141 Gould Pond Road (M 9, L 41).
3. **DES** – Inspection & requested actions – 141 Gould Pond Road (M 9, L 41).
4. **DES** – Complaint received – 7 Lake Shore Terrace (M 17, L 142).

OLD BUSINESS**1. Trails**

Terry Yeaton reported that he and Richard Head have been working at the Old Mill Property remarking the boundaries.

The Commission also discussed marking tags. It was noted that there was only one stack of the round property marking tags and many stacks of the rectangular easement tags. The Commission discussed getting diamond tags to mark trails. Terry Yeaton will inquire about prices.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Invasive Plants**

The Commission reviewed the Planning Board's list of recommended plantings at the request of Planning Director Robyn Payson.

The Commission reviewed the State of NH's list of Prohibited Invasive Species (AGR 3800.1) as well as the NH Department of Agriculture's (NHDoA) list of Restricted Species. Consensus was in agreement with prior recommendations that the Planning Board remove Norway Maple and Euonymus from the recommended plantings list as they are invasive.

The Commission also reviewed the NHDoA's list of Recommended Alternatives and consensus was these could also be added to the Planning Board's list or this list referenced in the town's list.

Additional recommendation's discussed that the Planning Board might consider included Red Ceder, Elderberry, pussy willow, witch hazel and Liberty Elm.

The Commission also briefly discussed "Hillsborough's Most Wanted" invasive plants as identified on the NH Fish & Game (NHF&G) web site (Black Swallow-wort, Garlic Mustard and Norway Maple).

While some interest in addressing the issue was expressed, the consensus of the Commission was that was unlikely to be able to be considered at this time due to lack of membership.

2. Contocook River Access

Terry Yeaton noted concern with erosion where canoe access to the river takes place at the River-walk. He said he was reaching out to NHF&G for suggestions both for this site as well as a potential site off of Route 202/Antrim Road. This might be considered as a future project for the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Linda White informed the Commission of some meetings that she would be unavailable for. It is hoped that alternates would be available.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved July 21, 2016