

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 23, 2024

Approved Minutes

Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School St.

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

Members present: Richard Head, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Jim Riddle, Roger Shamel.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

MINUTES

a. December 12, 2023

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the minutes of December 12, 2023.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ecosystem Management Consultants (Rick Van de Pol) – Wetland Report and Bill.

The HCC reviewed the report.

Roger Shamel noted some errors of road names and suggested maps be labeled with PDF page numbers. Richard Head noted the title page incorrectly listed “The Tin Mountain Conservation Center” instead of “Ecosystem Management Consultants”. He said he would provide these suggestions to Rick, as well as others that the HCC comes up with as they become more familiar with the report.

Richard Head reviewed some uses for the report including using some of the information into consideration of a possible future recommendation for a wetland ordinance (consensus was this wasn’t feasible at this time). He also noted the report could help refine areas of conservation priorities.

Jim Riddle noted the information could also be useful when reviewing development proposals.

John Segedy agreed to coordinate having the report added to the HCC website.

Jim Riddle moved: *To approve the final payment of \$2,133.34 to Ecosystem Management Consultants.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

b. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool) – Account balance \$221,909.33.

c. NHACC (NH Association of Conservation Commissions) – Email re Geological Mapping Workshop.

d. Hillsborough – Monthly expense report.

e. Antioch University New England - Application for the 2024 Collaborative Service Initiative was denied. The HCC discussed doing the project (website page[s] with the town’s Conservation Property information) themselves. Jim Riddle noted that Bradford has a good example of what the CC is looking to do. Jim said he would reach out to the Bradford CC to get some information of their process. John Segedy suggested being clear to distinguish which properties have public access and which do not.

f. NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services) – Wetlands Permit: Red Fox Crossing (M 16, L 15).

g. NHDES – Letter of Compliance: Beard Road (M 11I, L 050-6).

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Confluence Trail** - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). Richard Head reported that the body of the application was done. He still had to speak to Laura Buono to get the Selectboard to sign off on it, prepare notifications to abutters and the River Advisory Committee.

b. **Conservation Opportunities** – Jim Riddle reported that he had been out on the Lake Lot (M 9, L 40) and noticed an abutter had put up No trespassing signs that were over the boundary line so he spoke to him and showed him the line and the signs were then moved. The HCC discussed trails on the property.

c. **Signs** – Roger Shamel shared 2 options he had gotten estimates for. The HCC reviewed the options and decided to get both with one to go by the road and the other at the HCC's property entrance.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize the expenditure of up to \$400.00 for the two signs.*
Jim Riddle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

d. **Business Cards** – Roger Shamel shared a draft. After discussion it was decided to add the website address.

Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize the expenditure of up to \$60.00 for the cards.*
Jim Riddle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Member Representation** – Chair Head reminded members when speaking at other meetings to be clear to distinguish if speaking on behalf of the HCC (when authorized beforehand) or as an individual Commissioner or citizen to prevent confusion.

b. **Annual Report** – Chair Head reported he had prepared and submitted it as it was due before the meeting. Copies were sent to members.

c. **Loon Award** – There was discussion of awarding it this year. Richard Head will check on their acceptance. John Segedy will get name tag made.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*
Jim Riddle seconded. Motion Passed 4-0 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved February 13, 2024