

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform

Approved Minutes

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm and read Emergency Authorization for virtual meeting – see Appendix 1.

Members were polled indicating their presence and any others at their location:

Richard Head, Chair – no one else present; Linda White, Vice-Chair– no one else present; Roger Shamel– Susan Shamel present, Terry Yeaton– no one else present, & Richard McNamara– no one else present.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Samuel Brakeley, Hermit Woods Trail Builders LLC.

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. Samuel Brakeley, Hermit Woods Trail Builders LLC. Chair Head introduced Mr. Brakeley and shared a picture of a map of the Confluence Trail property on West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1) with indications of the potential trail. He noted the HCC would be looking for help identifying wetlands and appropriate structures for a trail. Sam Brakeley said he would need to know if the potential trail would be a walking trail or would be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. He also noted he would need to see the property with a site visit.

Richard Head asked about the company's experience. Sam Brakeley detailed that they had worked on gravel trails, some ADA compliant trails with boardwalks, some stone work and that they can do just the planning or the whole project. John Segedy asked if they had experience in NH, particularly with permitting? Sam Brakeley answered yes and noted that NH has permitting by notification (PBN) for trails which is easier than some states.

Richard Head asked Sam Brakeley what tasks he saw his company doing versus what might be done by volunteers? Mr. Brakeley answered that he saw his company preparing plans, volunteers would clear corridors, and bring out materials. Other tasks in between were up to be determined.

Richard Head asked if they had experience delineating wetlands? Sam answered that they had a lot of experience doing so. John Segedy asked if they had a wetland scientist on staff? Sam answered that they have an ecologist they have partnered with.

Richard Head suggested they would set up a site walk in the spring. Sam Brakeley suggested the HCC think about what kind of use they foresee for the trail as well as fundraising and grant opportunities.

MINUTES

a. December 17, 2020

Linda White offered a pair of grammatical changes.

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the Minutes of December 17, 2020 as amended*

Linda White seconded. Roll Call Vote: Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Richard McNamara – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Website** – Roger Shamel said he was interested in working on properties in the northeast corner of town. Linda White said she was going to work on the Gleason Falls property. She questioned posting info about properties that were private but had easements on them such as the Smith easement. Consensus of the HCC was that it would depend on the particulars of the easement.

b. **Confluence Trail -West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1)** – Richard Head will reach out to Ann Poole (previous respondent to RFQ) and Terry Yeaton will reach out to another company.

c. **Old Mill Farm Subdivision**, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1). Chair Head provided a ‘red-lined’ copy of the draft easements received. John Segedy suggested it be granted by both the development and the purchaser. Roger Shamel suggested limitation on signs be included. Richard Head will send it to Laura Buono for referral to the Town’s attorney and to Life Forest for their review.

d. **Rowe Marsh** (M 9, L 99). Tabled.

e. **RV Park**, Carr Road (M 1, L 21-1 & 27). Chair Head reported that he attended the continued hearing on January 6th. He reported that the owners are receptive to providing a Conservation Easement, had agreed to remove the three sites near the wetlands, add more vegetation, restrict ATV use and use Dark Sky compliant lighting. New plans are being prepared and the traffic study is being done.

f. **Conservation Land Discussion** – Tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **LandVest Inc.** – County Road (M 2, L 32) Intent to cut.

b. **Kyle & Sarah Tyrrell**– Hall Road, (M 10, L 19) Intent to cut.

c. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** – Account Statement balance \$125,154.36.

d. **NH Lakes** – Lakeside quarterly Publication

e. **Alison Scheiderer, 5Rivers Conservation Trust** – E-mail re NH F&G consideration of Stohrer and Bronnenberg Properties. Will attend next meeting.

f. **Jane Boucher** – E-mail offering property on Bog Road.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Bog Road Property** – (M 14, L 38). It was explained that the HCC was being offered this property. Richard Head shared a map showing the properties location. The HCC discussed and Roger Shamel will drive by and view the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: To adjourn.

Linda White seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Linda White – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Richard Head – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Richard McNamara - Yes. Motion passed 5-0 at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

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Appendix 1:

Town of Hillsborough Conservation Commission
Emergency Authorization notice

As Chair of the Hillsborough Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that:

We are utilizing the Zoom Meeting platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom Meeting platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through the following:

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by going to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86128206714>

Or by One tap mobile:

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Or Dial in by your location: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Or find your local number at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86128206714>

Use Meeting ID: 86128206714

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom Meeting and instructions are provided on the Town of Hillsborough's website at: www.town.hillsborough.nh.us.

If unable to connect to the meeting call Chair Richard Head at 603-716-8235

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.