

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform

Approved Minutes

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:05 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; Terry Yeaton– no one else present; Sam Stark – no one else present, Roger Shamel – no one else present.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Jason Bolduc, Meridian Land Services, Inc.

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. Michael Gagnon, Forestry Field Specialist, UNH Extension - Michael Gagnon addressed the HCC noting he had been invited to introduce himself by member Roger Shamel. He noted he had been serving the area for 15 months under a MOU (memorandum of understanding) between UNH and the State of NH. He said he had visited Hillsborough 6-7 times since starting this position and is available to give advice to property owners on request to help with their goals for their property and can also make referrals for developing forestry plans. He also will present formal programs and will be doing a presentation through the Historical Society in August.

Roger Shamel reported having discussed current use with Mr. Gagnon.

Richard Head asked if he could provide Conservation Easement information. Mike Gagnon answered that he could in general but would then make a referral for more specific or detailed questions.

b. Kevin McCauley – Chair Head introduced Mr. McCauley and shared a map of his property. Mr. McCauley described the history of the property noting he had originally purchased it from Hans Eccardt and that he still allows the Eccardts to hay parts of the property. He described rocky outcroppings on the property and noted he had an interest in walking/hiking trails. He said he had some interest in conservation but had some concern about legalese in the Conservation Commission's sample easement he had reviewed. He said that he wants to be able to log for personal use, but that he has preserved some 'virgin' forest.

Richard Head replied that it is possible to reserve the right to log. He explained that if it were to involve commercial logging they would need to have an organization with experience in that area hold the easement. Mr. McCauley asked what were benefits to him to providing an easement. Richard Head answered that there was the intrinsic value of preserving the property as well as possible tax benefits that he should get legal advice about if he had interest in pursuing.

Richard Head explained that if the HCC holds an easement there is a fee schedule to cover monitoring costs. He said he appreciated Mr. McCauley discussing this with them, that there was no commitment and there was no requirement for this possibility from the Planning Board.

MINUTES

a. March 16, 2021.

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the Minutes of March 16, 2021 as presented.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Richard Head – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes. **Motion Passed 4-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Meridian Land Services, Inc.** - Signed Wetland Permit Application, 2nd NH Turnpike (M 11H, L 304).
- b. **DES (Department of Environmental Services)** – Received complete application, 2nd NH Turnpike (M 11H, L 304).
- c. **NHACC (NH Association of Conservation Commissions)** – E-mail Legislative Update
- d. **DES** – Wetland Permit, 802 West Main St. (M 19, L 8).
- e. **PSNH – Eversource** – Notice of Right of Way Inspection

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Website** – Tabled
- b. **Wetland Ordinance presentation** – The HCC reviewed the proposal from Mr. Van de Poll. It was noted that the April dates would be too soon and that a location needed to be picked. **Roger Shamel moved: *To authorize Richard Head to enter into contract with Mr. Van de Poll on behalf of the HCC.***
Terry Yeaton seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Richard Head – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes. Motion Passed 4-0.
- c. **Old Mill Farm Subdivision**, Beard Road (M 8, L 106 et. al. & M 11E, L 9 & 9-1). Tabled.
- d. **Colby Road (M 6, L 62)** – Tabled.
- e. **Black Brook easement** – Richard Head reported that the owner wants to sell both lots and that Chris Roy wanted to know if the HCC would consider purchasing part of the property. John Segedy opined that the HCC didn't have the financial ability to do so. Richard Head agreed and suggested talking to Alison Scheiderer of 5 Rivers Conservation Trust at the next meeting. He asked Terry Yeaton if he could take some pictures of the property, which was agreed to.
- f. **PSNH Easement Marking** – Tabled.
- g. **NE Diesel** – West Main St. (M 11P, L 230). The HCC reviewed a letter addressing concerns about drains & fluids. The HCC discussed the possibility of more frequent inspections.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Terry Yeaton seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken: Richard Head – Yes, Terry Yeaton – Yes, Roger Shamel – Yes, Sam Stark – Yes. Motion Passed 4-0 at 9:04.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved April 20, 2021
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.