

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 14, 2022

Held at Police Station Training Room

Approved Minutes

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

Members present: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton, Roger Shamel, James McDonough.

Also attending: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Sarah Blackman, Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Commissioner.

Secretary John Segedy addressed the Commission about preferred pronouns in the minutes.

VISITOR BUSINESS

a. **Sarah Blackman, ELVD** – Addressed the HCC seeking support for the District's proposed application to replenish their Beach on Gould Pond Road (M 14, L 623 & 624). Commissioner Blackman described the proposed application and a sketch which had been provided to the HCC before the meeting. John Segedy noted the sketch showed the beach area went right up to the property line and the application would require a letter granting permission from the abutter. Chair Head reviewed prior history of the project and also noted the application's description of affected area may be incorrect. The HCC discussed these issues and consensus suggested Commissioner Blackman return after addressing the HCC's concerns. Commissioner Blackman will plan on returning to the next meeting (June 28th).

MINUTES

a. **May 24, 2022.**

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of May 24, 2022.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion Passed 4-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).

b. **June 12, 2022**

A wording change was suggested.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of June 12, 2022 as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion Passed 4-0-1 (Roger Shamel abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly expense report.

b. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** – Account balance \$159,854.95.

c. **NH Lakes Association** – Request for annual contribution.

Linda White moved: *To approve payment of \$300 to the NH Lakes Association.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

d. **Intent to Cut.** Windsor Road (M 7, L 119).

A discrepancy was noted on the Town Tax Map not including the the HCC/Town owned on the SE section of the property. Chair Head will follow up with Laura Buono, Town Administrator on this.

e. **Intent to Cut.** East Washington Road (M 1, L 27).

f. **NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)** – Bible Hill Rd (M 11I, L 109).

Wetland Permit.

g. **NHDES** – 128 Barden Hill Rd. (M 20, L 42 & 43). Reported Alleged Violation.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Confluence Trail** - West Main St. (M 11K, L 330-1). Richard Head reported he had prepared a trail map and sent it to the NH Heritage Bureau.
- b. **Easement workshop** – The Commission approved by consensus repayment of postcard printing cost to John Segedy. The Commission discussed the possible recording of the presentation. Linda White will check with Paul Doscher. The Commission agreed by consensus to make a donation to the NH Audubon Society in lieu of paying a fee to Mr. Doscher. Richard Head will get literature from 5 Rivers Conservation Trust for distribution at the workshop.
- c. **Old Mill Farm** – The site visit was discussed. Consensus was to proceed with the proposed lot line adjustment with costs including marking to be paid by the Life Forest LLC. A request was received for agreement with the filing of a culvert application on the access easement the HCC holds.

Linda White moved: *To agree to the filing of a culvert application over the HCC's access easement.*
Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

- d. **Bennett Subdivision** – Chair Head reported that Laura Buono, Town Administrator is proceeding with the lot merger of the Town properties for Conservation purposes.
- e. **Boundary Marker Quote** - John Segedy shared the quote received from Voss Signs for \$710 for 500 marker signs. The Commission reviewed the quote and suggested by consensus that the mounting holes be 1/8" instead of 1/4".

Linda White moved: *To approve payment of \$710 to Voss Signs for 500 Boundary Marker Signs.*
Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Trail Committee** – John Segedy reported that he had attended a meeting of the Economic Development Commission and that there had been discussion of forming a Trails Committee. He said that he had suggested (personally – not on behalf of the HCC) that perhaps the Park Board and HCC could work on this together as opposed to forming a new Board in light of both of these Boards currently being 2 members short. Chair Head said he would talk to Laura Buono and designate Terry Yeaton as point person for the HCC on trails.
- b. **Impervious Surfaces** – Chair Head reported discussions about impervious surfaces and cumulative effects with the Planning Board (PB), who had asked him how much would be appropriate. Being without a specific answer Chair Head suggested reaching out to Antioch College to see if they had interns who might be able to work on this question.
- c. **Recusal** – Chair Head asked if the HCC felt that there was a conflict of interest with his representing the Commission before the PB in that his wife is a Planning Board member. After reviewing proposed rules on the subject that the PB was considering as well as state statute allowing a PB member to be a Conservation Commission member, the consensus of the HCC was that there was no conflict.
- d. **House Rock** – Roger Shamel reported that he had installed the new sign on a tree.
- e. **Easement Donation** – Richard Head reported having discussed a potential conservation easement with a property owner. He will continue to follow up on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion Passed 5-0 at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved June 28, 2022