

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2014

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Richard Head; Linda White; Jim Young; Rob Drummond (Arrived 7:34).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Cherrington called the Conservation Commission (CC) meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES

1. February 27, 2014

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of February 27, 2014 as presented.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Linda White and Jim Young abstained).

2. February 27, 2014 – Non-Public Session

Jim Young offered a name spelling correction.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of February 27, 2014 – Non-Public Session as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Linda White and Jim Young abstained).

3. March 9, 2014

Linda White offered a spelling correction.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of March 9, 2014 as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Bank Statement** – Conservation Fund balance of \$111,080.99.

2. **Bill Parker** – (M 10, L 56) Phone message regarding landscaping within 50' of shore. The Commission discussed the Shoreland Protection Act. Richard Head will follow up.

3. **Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA)** – Forwarded e-mail offering help working on a Ground Water protection ordinance.

4. **Moosewood Environmental LLC** –

A. E-mail regarding copies of maps and reports. Discussion of printing costs.

Consensus to not get extra maps at this time and to keep the number of printed reports at eleven.

B. E-mail re Master Plan report requesting information about possible desired ordinances. After discussion, Brett Cherrington said he would follow up with Robyn Payson and Jeff Littleton.

5. **Iris Campbell** – Email regarding updating website.

Rob Drummond initiated a discussion of creating interest in Conservation in the town. Ideas discussed included outreach, holding public hikes and /or bike tours, and coordinating conservation with historical sites.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Goals** – Continued discussion of community outreach and the CC website. Also discussed was creating a CC information binder including an electronic version and a pamphlet directing people to the website.
2. **Philbrick Easement** – Brett Cherrington reported that the easement was walked and signs were fixed. There was discussion of wildlife. Brett Cherrington said he had posted maps and pictures on the CC 'Google Drive' site.
3. **Easement Log Updating** – Brett Cherrington reported he was continuing to work on this.
4. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)** – Linda White reported she had an e-mail discussion with Jeff Littleton regarding the “Quabbin to Cardigan Conservation Collaborative” Corridor. He will make a note in the NRI that the northern part of Hillsborough is within that corridor.
5. **Town Meeting Results** – The Commission discussed the negative vote on the Woods property purchase. They discussed the concept of testing property in general. The Commission discussed the negative vote on the proposed change of the Land Use penalty allocation. The consensus of the Commission was that they should consider trying this again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Officers**
Richard Head moved: *That Brett Cherrington be reappointed Chair.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
Richard Head moved: *That Terry Yeaton be reappointed Vice-Chair.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
Linda White made note of the high quality of Brett Cherrington's performance as Chair.
2. **Contoocook Falls Road Property**
Terry Yeaton informed the Commission that a kayaking organization had purchased a 10 acre plot along the river that was mostly in Henniker but a small part was in Hillsborough. They intend to establish a kayaking launch location and possibly eventually give the property to Henniker. He questioned if there were any issues regarding a town owning land within another town. Consensus of the CC was that there was no issue.
3. **Neighboring CC's**
Brett suggested making contact with neighboring CC's. Consensus was in favor of the idea.
4. **Scanning**
Brett asked John to try to place database on CC's “Google-Drive” site.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Jim Young seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary