

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 12, 2014

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Richard Head; Rob Drummond (arrived 7:14).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Cherrington called the Conservation Commission (CC) meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES

1. May 22, 2014

A couple of grammatical changes were suggested.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of May 22, 2014 as amended.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Intent to Cut** – Shedd Road (M 8, L 97)
- 2. Intent to Cut** – Shedd Road and Beard Road (M 8, L 98-1)
- 3. Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Complaint received. 27 Seminole Road (M 14, L 191).
- 4. DES** – Inspection done – no conclusive evidence of violation. 27 Seminole Road (M 14, L 191).
- 5. DES** – Restoration Plan Approval. Red Fox Crossing (M 6, L 22).
- 6. Paul Crowley** – Request to metal detect on Conservation Land next to Shaws. (M 11L, L 330-1). Referred from Parks Department and Selectboard.

Commission discussed. Consensus of Commission to recommend to Selectboard that it was all right as long as no digging in wetlands was done & that any digging be limited to hand tools and be minimal.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Town Guides** – Tabled.
- 2. Patenaude Marsh Surveying and Marking**

Brett Cherrington informed the Selectboard and Business Administrator, Laura Buono about encroachments on the access corridors. Ms. Buono will follow up on the matter.

Brett Cherrington reported he had received the proposal from Peter Mellen to finish the marking (\$2,580.00), provide a field/walk guide (\$520.00) + deliverables (Posts, etc. at additional charges as listed).

There was discussion of the proposal, and the options for marking the access corridors near the encroaching residences, including alternatives such as cedar posts.

Consensus of the Commission was to approve proposal including field guide and additional orange posts on corners. Brett Cherrington will submit the proposal for Selectboard approval.

3. Old Mill Farm

Brett Cherrington reported that he had recently been to the property and noticed that “Private Property” signs had been placed on both sides of the Right of Way accessing the Conservation Land giving the impression that the whole piece was private.

After discussion of the matter the consensus of the Commission was to write to the property owner regarding the signs. Richard Head agreed to write the letter that Brett Cherrington will then sign and send.

4. Lead Sinkers

Linda White reported she had spoken to Luke Levesque and that he is willing to put out a collection container. She still needs to contact Morse's and Village Discount as well as see about getting collection containers.

5. Property

Linda White said she is still trying to reach Brian Hotz (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests) regarding a property in the north part of Hillsborough.

6. Training

Brett Cherrington reminded members he had sent out notices about some training opportunities coming up.

7. Rail Trail

Linda White reported she had responded to the prior discussed e-mail but had not received a reply yet.

8. Membership

Brett Cherrington noted Rachel Hawkinson hadn't attended in a long time. He said he would ask her if she wanted to change to alternate status.

9. Website

Terry Yeaton asked when the website updating would occur. Brett Cherrington had recently inquired about the update status and found that while the project is ongoing, no launch date was available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wildlife

Rob Drummond suggested members discuss wildlife sightings they have. It was noted that they do this at times. Consensus was to continue to do so on an informal basis, which the Commission proceeded to do.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY EXERCISE

1. Stowe Mountain/Sleeper Road

There was some follow-up discussion of this location.

2. Bear Hill

Brett Cherrington recalled the Oxbow Campground dam breach which while not on the hill, is in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved June 26, 2014