

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 12, 2013

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Linda White; Terry Yeaton; Jim Young (Arrived 7:06 pm).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary (Alternate).

Susan Rauth, Bob Gould

Chair Cherrington called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

John Segedy was appointed to vote in place of Rachel Hawkinson.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Susan Rauth and Bob Gould – (M12, L 132)

Susan Rauth explained that they were looking to see if the Commission was still interested in purchasing the section of their property that they had previously considered selling a few years ago. She noted that at the time the sale had been impeded by their bank/Mortgage holder, but that they are now able to proceed if the Commission is still interested.

Bob Gould showed the Commission the plan previously prepared by surveyor Peter Mellen.

It was noted that the property has been logged in the interim. Brett Cherrington said that the loggers had done a great job and that the vernal pool had been marked and avoided.

There was discussion of the price. Sue Rauth said they hadn't considered that yet and wanted to discuss it with their realtor.

There was discussion of annexation versus purchase.

The Commission discussed what the next steps should be. Brett Cherrington said he would discuss with Peter the issue of annexation.

Susan Rauth and Bob Gould left at 7:40 pm.

The Commission discussed the Conservation Funds account and the use of it for this property.

MINUTES

1. November 25, 2013

Brett Cherrington suggested a wording change and Linda White offered a grammatical correction.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of November 25, 2013 as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Intent to Cut** – Cooledge Road and Danforth Corner Road, (M 4, L 51).
2. **Fox Forest** – Newsletter.
3. **Robert E. Drumond, Jr.** - Letter of Interest in joining the Commission. Consensus of Commission was in favor. Brett Cherrington will follow up with the Selectboard appointing him.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Woods Property** – West Mill Street (M25, L25).

Brett Cherrington noted the Purchase and Sales agreement was being worked on.

2. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Draft**

The Conservation Commission (CC) discussed the extra charges (\$400-\$500) for fixing the map. Brett Cherrington said that while he thought that it should have been included his notes are not perfectly clear, so they should probably pay it. Consensus of the Board agreed. It was noted that the proposed changes to the Ecologically sensitive Areas (ESA) section had been made. It was also reported that both the Draft NRI and the video of the presentation were on line. It was also reported that a notice had been sent to the papers.

3. **Conservation Fund/Marking and Surveying**

Brett Cherrington reported through discussions with Laura Buono that there will need to be a warrant article authorizing any unexpended CC budget funds going to the Conservation Fund as opposed to the General Fund, as town policy rather than have it as an annual decision of the Select Board. For this year the funds will need to be encumbered “for the surveying projects”. Brett will follow up on this for discussion at the next meeting.

4. **Warrant Articles**

Brett Cherrington reported that there will need to be three warrant articles: a) 50% of the Woods property purchase, b) Allowing transfer of Excess CC funds to Conservation Funds, and c) increasing from 20% to 50% the amount of Current use penalties that go to the Conservation Fund.

5. **Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) – Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA)**

Brett Cherrington reported that no details had been received yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved January 9, 2013