

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 26, 2012

Official Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Ted Millspaugh, Chair; Linda White, Vice-chair; Terry Yeaton; Tom Fournier; Richard Head

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chair Millspaugh at 7:02 PM.

Minutes

1. January 12, 2012

Richard Head suggested a couple of wording changes.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of January 12, 2012 as revised.*

Seconded by Linda White. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Tom Fournier abstained).

Correspondence

1. **Financial Report** – Commission was about \$2,000.00 under budget for 2011.
2. **Susan Rauth** – E-mail inquiring if the Commission was still interested in their property. Ted Millspaugh reported that the logging of it has been done. Consensus of the Commission was that they still had an interest in the property, but should wait until spring to be better able to see how it looks after being cut.
3. **Iris Campbell** – Notice that the terms of Ted Millspaugh, Richard Head & Tom Fournier were expiring and inquiring if they intended to seek reappointment.

Old Business

1. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) –

Linda White reported that she had corresponded with Jeffry Littleton by e-mail and he would like to hold the focus group/roundtable discussion in the next couple of weeks if possible.

After some discussion the consensus of the Commission was that more time would be needed to get it together.

Linda White suggested that a Notice be placed in the paper asking for interested people to contact the Commission to get more people than those the Commission might know itself. Consensus of the Commission agreed and John Segedy was asked to do this.

There was further discussion of dates and consensus was at the beginning of March. Linda White will check with Jeffry Littleton re possible dates in that time period and will also check with Fox Forest about availability.

2. **Annual Report** – Ted Millspaugh shared the updated draft he had prepared with the Commission's suggestions.

Richard Head suggested a couple of wording changes which the Commission agreed with.

Ted Millspaugh will submit the report.

New Business

1. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)

Ted Millspaugh said he had received their bill and it was \$265.00 up from \$250.00 last year.

Consensus was to maintain membership.

2. Pending Legislation – HB 1515

Linda White expressed concern about this. Per an e-mail she had received and forwarded to the

Commissioners it would remove the ability of towns to place Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) money in Conservation Funds.

Richard Head said it would also require that any existing funds be placed in towns general funds. He said that he believed the bill was in committee at this time.

There was discussion of the possibility of the Commission expressing disagreement with the bill.

The question was raised as to whether the NHACC might have information on this and whether they may be taking concerted action.

Richard Head said he would investigate the status of the bill and forward the information to the Commissioners.

Adjournment

Tom Fournier moved: *To adjourn.*

Passed 5-0 at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved February 9, 2012