

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 9, 2012

Official Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chair Millspaugh at 7:04 PM.

Minutes

1. January 26, 2012

Ted Millspaugh corrected a name spelling.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of January 26, 2012 as revised.*

Seconded by Terry Yeaton. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Brett Cherrington abstained).

Correspondence

1. **Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF)** – Thank you letter for contribution to Wenney-Baker project.
2. **Intent to Cut** – Concord End Road (Map 6, Lot 9).
3. **Intent to Cut** – Concord End Road (Map 6, Lot 16).
4. **NH Lakes Association** – Quarterly Publication
5. **NH Lakes Association** – Email from Robin Loveland inquiring about continued participation in the Lake Host program.

Brett Cherrington moved to renew the Commissions membership in the NH Lakes Association and to partner with Franklin Pierce Lake Association to participate in the Lake Host program.

Tom Fournier seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

6. **January Financial report.**
7. **Moosewood LLC** – Invoice January 2012 for \$1,200.00.

Old Business

1. **Hope Thomas Conservation Easement** – (Map 5, Lot 87 & Map 8, Lot 146)

Richard Head recused himself.

Ted Millspaugh related that he had spoken with Sarah Pillsbury and had received a Draft of a formal letter requesting the contribution to Five Rivers supporting the project and specifying what the money will be used for. (Appendix below).

Ted Millspaugh said he thinks the money should come from the Conservation Fund.

There was a brief discussion with the consensus of the Commission being in agreement.

Ted Millspaugh said he does not think that a Public Hearing is needed as the money is not for purchasing interest in land.

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Brett Cherrington moved: *To authorize Ted Millspaugh to make arrangements for the payment of \$8,500.00 to Five Rivers Conservation Trust to assist in the expenses related to placing a Conservation Easement on property of Hope Thomas as outlined in the attached Draft Letter dated February 9, 2012 which has been relied on by the Commission in deciding to make this grant.*

Tom Fournier seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Panel Discussion**

Linda White reported that either March 3rd or 10th was alright with Jeffry Littleton and the Building is available on either date.

After some discussion the consensus of the Commission was that March 10th would be best from 9 to 11 am.

Linda White will confirm the date and time with Jeffry Littleton and Ingeborg Seaboyer.

There was discussion of potential participants and a list of invitees was begun.

Consensus was to have John Segedy draft a letter of invitation and send it to the potential participants.

Commissioners will forward names of any other potential participants as well as any contact information they may have to John Segedy.

New Business

1. Loon Award

A brief discussion ensued.

Other Business

1. HB 1515

Richard Head reported that the bill had been voted Inexpedient to Legislate.

Adjournment

Brett Cherrington moved: *To adjourn.*

Tom Fournier seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved February 23, 2012

Appendix

February 9, 2011

Theodore Millspaugh, Chair
Hillsboro Conservation Commission
PO Box 7
Hillsboro NH, 03324

Subject: Hope Thomas Conservation Easement

Dear Chairman Millspaugh:

The purpose of this letter is to document the financial needs of Five Rivers Conservation Trust to complete the conservation easement on 116 acres of land owned by Hope Thomas (Map 5 Lot 87 and Map 8 Lot 146). Both Hope and I greatly appreciate the Commission's ongoing assistance in getting this land permanently protected for future generations.

As we discussed on our recent telephone conversation, Five Rivers is a non-profit and we do not have the resources to front certain transaction costs on behalf of land donors. Hope Thomas is also unable to do so. It is our understanding that the Hillsboro Conservation Commission has voted to assist Ms. Thomas to place a conservation easement that will ensure it remains as open space, provided that the language of the easement does not preclude public access except as necessary for agricultural or forestry practices. The amounts needed for legal, survey and stewardship to complete this easement as well as when they are needed by Five Rivers are specified below:

| Remaining Work | Amount/ fixed or estimated | Timing of funds needed |
|---|--|--|
| Survey – Finalize survey with abutter lot line agreement and mark boundaries. | \$1,500.00/ fixed | Needed at Five Rivers' office prior to employing surveyor |
| Legal – Fees for both Thomas and Five River's lawyers to complete easement language and to close on easement. | \$2,000/ estimated based on similar projects | Needed at Five Rivers' office prior to employing lawyers |
| Stewardship Fee to Five Rivers for ongoing stewardship. | \$5,000/ fixed | Needed at Five River's office on or before closing on the easement |

All involved in this project are anxious to see it completed. Once we have received your funding we are poised to employ the surveyor and lawyer to finalize this easement. We will keep record of all transactions and will consult with you for how any additional funds be utilized, should there be any (i.e. legal costs could be slightly less).

Please contact me at sarah5rivers@gmail.com if any additional information is needed.

Appreciatively,

Sarah Pillsbury
Five Rivers Conservation Fund