

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 28, 2013

## Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Rachel Hawkinson, Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton; Tom Fournier; Linda White

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary (Arrived 7:20 pm)

Chair Brett Cherrington called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

### Minutes

#### 1. **March 14, 2013**

A couple of changes were suggested.

**Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of March 14, 2013 as amended.***

**Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Tom Fournier abstained).**

### Correspondence

1. **New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)** – Invitation to 'Drinking Water Source Protection Conference'.
2. **UNH Cooperative Extension Services** – Information about 'Saving Special Places' Conference
3. **New Hampshire Municipal Association** – Information regarding 'Local Officials Workshops'. Brett Cherrington said he would forward information to interested Commissioners.
4. **NHDES** – Letter regarding grants available for restoration projects.
5. **Moosewood LLC** – Invoice for Town Meeting poster.
6. **NHDES** – Application acceptance. (M 5, L 135).

### Old Business

1. **Field Work** – The Philbrick Easement. Brett Cherrington reported that he had walked the property with Lisa Cherrington on March 23, 2013. He reported that several Boundary marking tags need replacement. There was discussion of scheduling a work day. Consensus to discuss again later in year.
2. **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)** - Brett Cherrington reported having attended the hearing on March 21, 2013 about a proposal by Charles and Linda Megnin to build a garage within the setback. He reported that the applicant had not yet received an 'after the fact' permit from NHDES for work done last year on the parking area as suggested. Brett Cherrington further reported that after a lengthy discussion of the application, the ZBA did continue the hearing until April 24, 2013.  
John Segedy arrived.  
Brett Cherrington reviewed the ZBA minutes (3/13/2013) with the Commission, noting Roger Racette explaining one of the key criteria being that the applicant needed to show that the lot was unique as compared to other lots in the district and that the question was whether the narrow lot was unique in light of a number of other lots that were also narrow.

The Commission then reviewed the Megnin's DES permit application (Correspondence #6 and Old Business #2 above).

Brett Cherrington noted that the application said it was for a garage on top of an already existing parking area and didn't appear to mention the previously done work expanding the driveway into a parking area. He read from an e-mail to NH Fish and Game attached to the application:

*"The project is 800 sq ft of impact to construct a garage in an existing raised parking area that is 55' from Loon Pond".*

Linda White asked if the Conservation Commission could comment on the application.

Consensus of the Commission was that they could as that would be the point of notifying the Town departments of the application.

After further discussion it was the consensus of the commission that Brett Cherrington should contact DES with their concerns, particularly regarding the work done last year.

### **Other Business**

1. **Web Page** – Rachel Hawkinson reported that the previously discussed changes are in process of being made. She said she would forward along any other changes recommended.

Terry Yeaton said he has been working on a list of links that he will forward when it is complete.

### **New Business**

1. **Goals for the Year** –

Brett Cherrington suggested the ongoing need for surveying.

Linda White said that many years ago, the Commission would have a Saturday work session to discuss goals.

There was discussion of the completion of the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) approaching and how that should drive goals and would hopefully be put into the Master Plan update.

Terry asked when the NRI will be complete.

Brett Cherrington said while there is no specific date, with the field work complete, there is just the assembly and writing to finish, so he would expect it wouldn't be that long. He said he did want to set up opportunity for the Commission to review a draft before it is finalized to be sure it is as accurate as possible. He said he had discussed that with Jeffry Littleton and they still have to work out details of how that could take place.

Tom Fournier suggested that perhaps they could review parts along the way rather than all at the end.

There was a discussion of projects and properties on County Road.

There was a brief discussion of a wetlands ordinance as a long term goal.

Consensus was to keep Goals on the agenda for next meeting.

Brett Cherrington asked about Master Plan activity at the Planning Board.

John Segedy reported that Planning Board members had been chosen to serve on the Master Plan Committee and that Planning Director had been tasked with seeking out representatives from other Boards and the public to serve on the committee.

Brett Cherrington said he had heard that his suggestion for a deeded access for the snowmobile and other recreational use trail through the Weatherstone project property had been thought of as too much. He said that he didn't think it was unreasonable to ask, and that although a current owner may be accommodating, that owner won't own the development property forever and deeds protect for the future.

**Adjournment**

**Linda White moved: *To adjourn.***

**Rachel Hawkinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:43 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved April 11, 2013