

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 10, 2012

NRI Panel Discussion

Baldwin Center at Fox Forest

Official Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Ted Millspaugh, Chair; Linda White, Vice-Chair; Terry Yeaton; Tom Fournier; Brett Cherrington, Richard Head, Ann Ford (Alternate)

Jeffry Littleton, Moosewood Ecological, LLC

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Panel Members: Ann Poole, Mike Marchand, Chris Pinkham, Inga Seaboyer, Walter Morse, Ken Fowle, Ron Klemarczyk

Chair Millspaugh opened the Panel Discussion and turned it over to Jeffry Littleton at 9:05 AM.

Jeffry Littleton outlined for the group what has been done on the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) so far and what is still being done. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gather information from the panel members about Hillsborough's wildlife and other resources through informal discussion.

At Ann Poole's suggestion the panel members introduced themselves.

Jeffry Littleton listed a number of animals he would be interested in hearing about sightings.

Chris Pinkham described a number of animals he had seen signs of in the area of Old County Road including Ermines, Bobcat, Moose, Deer and Winter Hares.

Mike Marchand spoke about maps that the NH Fish & Game Department has and other mapping layers as sources of information. He also talked about their Wildlife Action Plans and noted funding opportunities may exist for wetland mitigation and protection.

There was discussion of shrub-land and its transient nature.

Ron Klemarczyk brought up the town land behind Shaw's and it being an important flood plain. Brett Cherrington gave a brief history of the town's acquisition of the property.

Ann Poole recommended reviewing the Forest Society's files regarding its properties as their assessments and monitoring reports may have useful information about wildlife populations on the properties.

There was discussion of Woodcock in the area of Jones Road, Shedd Road, and Beard Road.

Brett Cherrington brought up the limited travel corridors for wildlife from the North to the South areas of the town. He pointed out that Franklin Pierce Lake on the west side of town and the development on Main Street causes wildlife to be funneled into the area between them to travel.

There was also discussion of the two passages under Route 9 and questions as to the amount of wildlife use these get.

Mike Marchand mentioned Night Hawks passing through during migration. He also spoke of American Kestrels being seen at the old town dump.

Chris Pinkham discussed Loon Pond and the numerous waterfowl seen there.

Ron Klemarczyk suggested studying Emerald Lake.

Jeffry Littleton asked Ann Poole as a member of the Planning Board what particular data might be useful for the Board's work.

Ann Poole said that identifying contiguous areas of undeveloped land and corridors for wildlife would be important. She said she personally noted an abundance of animal casualties on Route 9 in the area of the corridor and underpasses spoken of earlier.

Ann Poole said that this information would be used as guidance material for the Master Plan Update that is upcoming.

Brett Cherrington talked about the Sulpher Hill area and seeing Goshawks on the protected area of the Black Brook Pond development.

There was discussion of properties along East Washington Road and Beard Brook and abundant wildlife crossings for accessing the Brook.

Jeffry Littleton spoke about the process of inventorying properties. He said that he would be sending letters to property owners to ask permission to get access.

A large map was spread out and individuals pointed out numerous items of interest to Jeffry Littleton. The panel broke into various smaller groups and began dispersing about 11:00 am, ending the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
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