

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 27, 2012

Official Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Rachel Hawkinson; Terry Yeaton; Ann Ford, Alternate

Staff: John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Chair Brett Cherrington called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Ann Ford was designated to vote in place of Richard Head.

A packet of information regarding items on the agenda was provided to the Commissioners.

Other

1. Board Personnel Policy

The recently adopted Town of Hillsborough Policy on 'Boards, Committees and Commissions' was reviewed. Discussion ensued. Concern was expressed regarding the provision about removal and it's lack of reference to state law requiring hearings. It was noted that there was reference to other provisions of law which probably covered that.

Minutes

1. September 13, 2012

Two typos were noted.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of September 13, 2012 as amended.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 2-0-3 (Brett Cherrington, Terry Yeaton, and Rachel Hawkinson abstained).

Old Business

1. **Official Document Review** – Tabled.
2. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)** – Brett Cherrington reported that Jeffry Littleton will attend the October 25th meeting to provide an update.
3. **Field Work Scheduling** – Ann Ford asked if the Commission had a list of properties and work done. There was discussion about doing so. Brett Cherrington said that on his mental list was remarking the Borders of the 'House Rock' property. Linda White reminded the Commission that the Olivia Smith Easement was due for it's annual walk in November. Terry Yeaton asked about previous discussions regarding the property off Jefferson Drive. Brett Cherrington agreed that they had wanted to at least walk that property. Possible dates were discussed including October 21 (am), 27 (pm), 28; November 3 & 4. Consensus to finalize dates at next meeting.
4. **Wetlands Article for Website** – Rachel Hawkinson had provided a draft for the Commissioners to review by e-mail. The Commission discussed the draft. Brett Cherrington provided some suggestions. Rachel Hawkinson said she would consider the suggestions and have a final version at a later meeting. She asked about other topics that articles were needed about. Linda White read the list that had been discussed at a previous meeting. Rachel Hawkinson said she would do one about Shoreland Protection. Ann Ford said that she would be willing to compile information about trails, but didn't want to write an article.

5. Kemp Park – River Walk Sign –

Rachel Hawkinson reported that she had yet to get a response regarding donated signs.

New Business

1. **Budget** – Brett Cherrington reported he had prepared a draft budget for 2013 that was \$15,335.00 which was up \$50.00 from last year's budget of \$15,285.00. The Commission reviewed the various line items. There was discussion of the Contracted Services line item, the NRI & surveying work that needed to be done.
2. **Conservation Easement** – Ann Ford reported having talked to a property owner who may have interest in placing an easement on his property. After some discussion Linda White suggested that Ann Ford find out if the property owner would like further information and /or would like someone from the Conservation Commission meet with them.

Correspondence

Intent to Cut – Rte. 9 (Map 10, Lot 58)

Adjournment

Terry Yeaton moved: *To adjourn.*

Rachel Hawkinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved October 11, 2012