

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 25, 2013

## Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Rachel Hawkinson , Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton; Linda White, Tom Fournier, Ann Ford (Alternate)

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Acting Chair Rachel Hawkinson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Ann Ford was appointed by Acting Chair Hawkinson to vote in place of a vacancy.

### Minutes

#### 1. April 11, 2013

A couple of changes were suggested.

**Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of April 11, 2013 as amended.***

**Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Linda White & Tom Fournier abstained).**

### Visitor Business

#### 1. Kelly Dearborn-Luce

Kelly Dearborn-Luce said before addressing the matters she was scheduled for that she wanted to clarify an issue from the April 24, 2013 ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) meeting. It may have been implied at that meeting that the Megnins hadn't been told about needing DES (Department of Environmental Services) permits for their proposed garage on Loon Pond. She noted that it was listed as part of the Building Permit application, so they had reason to have known.

Rachel Hawkinson, who also attended the meeting, agreed that comments were made at the ZBA hearing about the Megnins not being notified and that she had made it clear that it is the property owners responsibility to follow the rules.

##### a. Beach Testing

Kelly Dearborn-Luce said that she has spoken to Linda White and had wanted to follow up regarding the testing that the state does. She said that the Beard Brook Beach water often comes back high for e-coli and has to be closed so she would like to pursue finding the source of contamination. Kelly Dearborn-Luce said she had also spoken to David Fullerton who would like to get some students involved.

There was discussion of various properties along Beard Brook and Shedd Brook.

Kelly Dearborn-Luce noted that last summer she had tested near the Stone Bridge at Jones Road which had come back clean.

Consensus was that first step should be to test both Shedd and Beard Brooks above where they join at the same time as the Beach.

Kelly Dearborn-Luce said that the state testing program starts in July, but that they could do testing at anytime. She suggested starting with a meeting with Dave Fullerton and any students he can recruit and the Conservation Commission.

Terry Yeaton asked if the person from the state Kelly had mentioned (Theresa?) could possibly come to a CC meeting

**b. Bridge Repair**

Kelly Dearborn-Luce reported that she had started on the DES application for replacement of the Bog Road Bridge. It appears however that an engineer may be required as well as more than just a culvert. There was a discussion of different tiers of streams.

**c. Other**

Kelly Dearborn-Luce noted that she hadn't heard back from DES regarding the Flint Road property. She also informed the Board she has resigned as of May 10 and will of course make a list of things currently in progress.

**Correspondence**

1. **E-mail** – Jeffry Littleton regarding NRI (Natural Resources Inventory)

Rachel Hawkinson read the e-mail to the Commission (See attached Appendix 1).

Rachel Hawkinson will follow up with Brett Cherrington and Jeffry Littleton to schedule him for the next meeting if possible.

2. **E-mail** – Michelle Hamm regarding Hillsborough representatives to Contoocook Local River Advisory Committee

Rachel Hawkinson read the e-mail to the Commission (See attached Appendix 2).

Rachel Hawkinson said she thought that she already was a representative. She will follow up.

**Old Business**

1. **Goals** – Tabled
2. **Updates re Other Boards Activities**

- a. **ZBA – Megnin Hearing**

Rachel Hawkinson described the continued hearing that approved the variances.

- b. **PB – Weatherstone Development**

John Segedy informed the Commission that the Master Site Plan had been approved.

- c. **PB – Master Plan Update Committee**

John Segedy informed the Commission that an organizational meeting has been scheduled for May 15, 2013 at 6:00.. He noted he had let Brett Cherrington know as he had previously been volunteered as representative and that Brett Cherrington had indicated that he would be willing to let someone else from the Commission take this on if they were interested. Tabled to next meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Ann Ford moved: To adjourn.**

**Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:40 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved May 9, 2013

**Appendix 1:**

*Hey Brett-*

*I've attached a revised draft habitat map that I prepared for your review as you requested. I've also attached a revised draft of the aerial photograph with revised surface water bodies and wetlands. I created these maps myself and will instruct Fash when to make the final maps, as it is easier for me to handle the drafts at this point.*

*So, in terms of the scope of work I revised surface water bodies, wetlands, and agricultural lands (grasslands in the habitat map). I also refined a few other data layers based on our field work and from the revision of water bodies and wetlands, which was above and beyond the scope of work but I thought it was necessary to make the data as consistent as possible without going way overboard. These included: all marsh/shrub wetlands, as well as all forest types on the sites where we had access.*

*The habitat map does not include the riparian buffers, as I thought it would be easier to review the other habitats without it being in the way. We'll add riparian buffers on the finalized map. I've added vernal pools to the map as well.*

*The only outstanding data layer is the conservations lands. I've updated/added the following that were previously sent to me by John Segedy: Black Brook subdivision, PSNH easement along North Branch, and an easement near the By-Pass. I've also added the the Wenny-Baker and Thomas easements that you sent to me. However, you sent along some others just before Town Meeting that we were not able to digitize because the areas within the property that were protected were not known. I've attached the document that you sent to me and have questions: For the Widow Murdough Woodlot, Farrar lot, and Mill lots (first page) is it the whole parcels that are in easement? Also, the last 2 pages are unclear to me. The "blackberry" parcel does not show where the easement is nor does the last page. In order to finalize the maps we need to finalize the Conserved Lands as they are on all the maps. As soon as we get this cleared up I can instruct Fash to begin finalizing most of the maps (excluding the habitat map).*

*Sorry it has taken this long but March and April have been difficult to juggle with illnesses and I was personally out of work for nearly a week in early April from a back injury.*

*My plan is to have a draft ready by the end of May for the Con Comm to review. It would be good If we can begin finalizing the maps within the next 2 weeks. So, let em know about the conservation lands and any changes to the habitat map as soon as you can.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions.*

*Onward-  
Jeff*

## **Appendix 2:**

*Greetings,*

*A distinctive characteristic of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program is the partnership created between state government and local citizens through the formation of a local river management advisory committee for each designated river. Each committee plays a vital role in protecting not only the river, but its shorelands as well. A minimum of one resident from each riverfront community along the length of designation is appointed to the committee by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Committee members represent a broad range of interests and backgrounds. The main responsibilities of the advisory committee are to develop and implement a local river corridor management plan and advise local, state, and federal governing bodies and agencies of activities which may affect the water quality or flow of the protected river or segment. The DES offers the committee technical assistance in developing and implementing the management plan.*

*Committee members participate in the NH Department of Environmental Services Voluntary River Assessment Program as well as NH's weed watcher program.*

*The town of Hillsboro currently does not have a representative on the Contoocook Local River Advisory committee, and were hoping the town representatives could help us to fill this vital role. Please contact the chair of the committee (Me) if you can be of assistance.*

*Best Regards,  
Michelle Hamm  
Chair, Contoocook LRAC*