

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 23, 2013

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary
Dave Fullerton, Selectman

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

Ann Ford was appointed to vote in place of a vacancy.

Minutes

1. May 9, 2013

A couple of changes were suggested by Brett Cherrington and Linda White.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of April 25, 2013 as amended.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Rachel Hawkinson abstained).

Visitor Business

1. Dave Fullerton – Beard Brook Beach Testing

Dave Fullerton said he hadn't been able to work on this yet.

Brett Cherrington said he had just received a notification from a DES (Department of Environmental Services) List-Serve that the Beach Sampling will begin May 28th. He will forward it to Dave and the Commissioners.

Correspondence

1. Planning Board - Application for Bear Hill Subdivision

Asking if Conservation Commission had any official comment.

Brett Cherrington said he would be concerned if there was a large amount of clearing for views.

Ann Ford said she was concerned about the slope.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Commission was to return without official comment.

2. Lakes Association – Pamphlet about a conference.

3. Town of Hillsborough – Property list obtained after last meetings discussion.

Discussion took place. Consensus to review and discuss at next meeting.

4. NHOEP (Office of Energy & Planning) – John Segedy provided copies of a Land Use Law Update that had been provided at the last Planning Board Meeting.

Old Business

1. Goals -

a. Web-Site – Rachel Hawkinson reported that there are some changes still awaiting being made. She will follow up.

b. Vernal Pools – Brett said he had spoken with Marian Baker and put her in touch with

Jeffrey Littleton. He also spoke about the desirability of having a database of the Town's vernal pools as a long term goal.

c. Town Property Database – Noted had already been discussed. Brett Cherrington noted that since the digitizing had been done of the Commission's files he would like to see that expanded into a search-able database perhaps encompassing items like the Vernal Pools and Town Properties.

2. Master Plan

Brett Cherrington reported that he and John Segedy had attended. He described the meeting as being organizational and in the planning stages and that further meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

3. Field Work

Rachel Hawkinson reported that the Kemp Park Committee had met and discussed ideas for the park, but that it doesn't have any specific plans yet. She said that one idea that was discussed was a pathway from a parking area to along the river which might involve some clearing. Rachel Hawkinson said she had reminded the Committee about the Shoreland Protection act. She said that the Kemp Park committee wanted to know if the Conservation Commission wanted to participate in the park's plan development. There was discussion including of the possibility of viewing the park area.

Consensus of the Commission was to wait for a preliminary plan to be developed and then to offer comment.

Brett Cherrington noted that there was still other work to do – for example re-tagging the Philbrick lot. Anyone is welcome to do if they have the time.

4. CNBRLAC (Contocook & North Branch River Local Advisory Committee)

Rachel Hawkinson said she had been a representative and had attended a meeting. She said she is apparently not on it. The floor was opened to volunteers.

There was a discussion of the difficulty in obtaining volunteers in general including the Commission's two vacancies.

Adjournment

Terry Yeaton moved: *To adjourn.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved June 13, 2013