

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 23, 2014

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Rob Drummond; Richard Head; Brett Cherrington, Chair.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Acting Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES

1. **September 25, 2014** – A correction was noted.
Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of September 25, 2014 as amended.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Brett Cherrington abstained).
2. **October 9, 2014** – A correction was noted.
Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 as amended.*
Rob Drummond seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Brett Cherrington & Richard Head abstained).
3. **October 9, 2014 – Site Visit** – A correction was noted.
Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 - Site Visit as amended.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Brett Cherrington & Richard Head abstained).

There was discussion of what name to use referring to the property (M 12A, L 3).

John Segedy noted that Peter Mellen referred to it as “Patenaude Meadow” in the Field Walk Guide he had prepared for the HCC, but that in discussions it has also been referred to as Patenaude Marsh.

Brett Cherrington said that sometimes deeds refer to a property by name. He asked John Segedy to check the deed for the next meeting.

4. **October 9, 2014 – Non-Public Session** – A correction was noted.
Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 Non-Public Session as amended.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Brett Cherrington & Richard Head abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Division of Forests and Lands** – Fox Forest Newsletter.
2. **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)** – Request to update membership list. Terry Yeaton asked John Segedy to fill out the form. There were a number of questions that the Commission answered as a group.

John Segedy pointed out that since they had offered free annual conference attendance for a student that it would be good if a member attended. Members will check their schedules. He also noted that they might get more than one request. Consensus of HCC that it would be OK to pay for a second student to attend.

3. **Intent to Cut** – Windsor Road, M 7, L 48
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4. **Intent to Cut** – Emerald Lane, M 9, L 100 & 116
5. **NH Lakes Association** – Quarterly Publication (Lakeside) & Phone call to Brett Cherrington thanking HCC for dues payment.
6. **Town of Hillsborough** – Conservation Fund Statement - \$117,181.19 balance. Monthly Expense Report with note from Laura Lee Lomonoco that the transfer discussed had been reclassified

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Patenaude Meadow** - Terry Yeaton Described the site visit that took place before the last meeting. He also described the visit on Monday October 20 with Laura Buono. He reported that Laura Buono would be heading up the town's actions regarding the encroachment on to the property. Terry Yeaton passed around copies of letters that Laura Buono had written to the encroaching abutters.

The HCC discussed putting signs on this and other properties it owns. There was discussion of putting a trail on this property.

Rob Drummond suggested first creating a plan.

John Segedy suggested talking to Peter Brigham about getting some volunteer labor from his program to help with this project.

2. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Master Plan Chapter** – The Commission discussed timing of reviewing the chapter and coordinating it with the work of the Master Plan Committee (MPC).

Brett Cherrington suggested holding back until the MPC was ready.

John Segedy pointed out that there were places in the chapter draft to incorporate priorities of the town residents – something that the MPC is currently working on ascertaining with a survey.

Linda White suggested there was value in the Commission proceeding with reviewing the Draft chapter for the purpose of setting their own priorities and activities.

Richard Head said he saw three possible strategies: 1) tabling and waiting; 2) working on the text; and 3) Work on the recommendations.

The consensus of the Commission was to work on prioritizing the recommendations at the next meeting.

3. **Sur Realty**

Richard Head moved: *To enter Non-Public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d).*

Linda White seconded. Rob Drummond -yes, Terry Yeaton -yes, Linda White -yes, Richard Head – yes, Brett Cherrington – yes.

The Commission entered Non-Public session at 8:33 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public session at 9:08 pm.

Richard Head moved: *To seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Knapton Lot** - There was discussion of the bid received from Peter Mellen for the marking/surveying of the property (\$3,200.00). There was also discussion of the amount left in the HCC Budget.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Terry Yeaton to sign the proposal from Donald R. Mellen Surveyor, LLC on behalf of the HCC and to pay the deposit of \$1,600.00.*

Rob Drummond seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Easement Monitoring -

Linda White reported that she, Terry Yeaton, Ann Ford & Haven Newton had walked the Olivia Smith property on October 12, 2014. No violations were noted and she will update the log.

Brett Cherrington brought up that the Partners Farm property still needs to be done. It will be discussed at next meeting.

- 6. Updating –** Brett Cherrington asked to be updated on a number of matters. Items discussed included: Town Report, Web Site, Budget, Map Laminating and NRI Distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved November 13, 2014