

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 13, 2014

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Richard Head; Ann Ford (Alternate).

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Ann Ford was appointed to vote in place of the vacancy.

MINUTES

1. **October 23, 2014** – A few corrections were noted.
Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of October 23, 2014 as amended.*
Terry Yeaton seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Ann Ford abstained).**
2. **October 23, 2014 – Non-Public.**
3. **Richard Head moved: *To enter Non-Public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d).***
Linda White seconded. Ann Ford -yes, Terry Yeaton -yes, Linda White -yes, Richard Head – yes, Brett Cherrington – yes.
The Commission entered Non-Public session at 7:13 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public session at 7:23 pm.

Richard Head moved: *To seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014 Non-Public Session as amended.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Ann Ford abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH DES (Department of Environmental Services)** – Letter appointing James Young to Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee.
2. **Town of Hillsborough** - Monthly Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Town Report**

Brett Cherrington provided copies of some wording changes he had made to a first draft that Linda White had prepared.

John Segedy noted that two other properties had been marked in addition to the one mentioned and should be included.

The Commission discussed various revisions.

Linda White will compile the final report.

**2. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) – Master Plan Chapter -
Prioritizing Recommendations -**

Richard Head provided a handout that had the recommendations from Jeffrey Littleton's Master Plan chapter. He explained that he had added letters to designate each one to help with discussing them. He also said he thought that the sixth one “f” (support voluntary and regulatory approaches at natural resources protection;) should be split into two different recommendations. Richard Head further said he would prioritize them in the order: a, i, h, e, g, j, f, b, c, d. Richard also suggested that the lettered recommendations be associated with the numbered paragraphs on pages 2 & 3 of his handout (pages 27 & 28 of the Master Plan Chapter). He suggested associations of recommendations “a,h & i” with the beginning of paragraph #2, “f” with the latter half of #2 and “j” with #5. He said he would take paragraph #4 out completely.

Ann Ford questioned whether “d” (protect rare and representative examples of natural species) should be ranked higher.

There was discussion of whether there were any in town and reference was made to the table on page 22. Consensus was that while it was important, it was not as a high a priority as other items.

Richard Head suggested that at the next meeting after people have a chance to review his list that they provide input and the Commission decide about any changes. After completing a list, they could pick the first and then break it into details.

Linda White said that she had worked from the recommendation on page 2, #2. She thought that they should use the map of the Ecologically Significant Areas (ESA). She said that she agreed with the approach. Linda said a priority they should work on would be #5 - community outreach and they should asses what they currently have for zoning. Consensus was to think about and be prepared to refine the suggestions from Richard and Linda at the next meeting.

3. Easement Monitoring

Brett Cherrington reported he had walked the Partners Farm easement. He noted no problems. He said the deck of the bridge was rotted out.

4. Property Signs

Consensus to put off until next year.

5. Trails

John Segedy reported he had spoken with Peter Brigham and he said he would be interested in having some of the kids from his program do some trail work. They could also remove the abandoned dock on the PSNH easement. He thought that it was too late in the year now, but next spring would be a good time to start on this.

It was also noted that Rob Drummond had expressed interest in planning out some trails. There was discussion of a prior Trails and Open Space Committee and possibly redeveloping it.

6. Web Site

It was noted that some of the items from the old site were on the new site but not all.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Messenger Article

The recent article in the Messenger regarding the Mike Black development project and the Conservation Commission as well as Brett Cherrington's response was discussed. It was noted that while the Villager printed the whole response, the Messenger edited out part of the response.

- 2. NHACC (NH Association of Conservation Commissions) – Info Sheet**
John Segedy noted that the NHACC information sheet he was filling out requested information about the HCC members. He asked members to let him know what information each wanted disclosed.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY EXERCISE

The Commission discussed former Boy Scout property on County Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved December 11, 2014