

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 22, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice Chair; Linda White; Rob Drummond; Ann Ford, Alternate.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Peter Mellen, Richard McNamara

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Ann Ford was designated to vote in place of the vacant position.

Chair Cherrington called for a moment of silent reflection in memory of Chris Pinkham.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Peter Mellen

Peter Mellen presented the Commission with the plan he had prepared in marking the Commissions "Knapton Lot" property. He noted that the plan pretty much conforms with the town's tax map and the 1953 deed of the predecessor owner. He offered to provide a lengthy, detailed explanation of his research into the lot.

Chair Cherrington asked if he could do so after the Commission dealt with another brief visitor matter and Peter Mellen agreed.

2. Richard McNamara

Richard McNamara reported to the Commission that he and his wife had recently completed the Land Steward program with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) as well as training on taking people on hikes on the property. He said that he wanted to come and inform the Commission and encourage them to consider holding public hikes of the Commission's properties. There was discussion of various conserved properties.

Richard McNamara pointed out that this is a good way to get the citizens aware of Conservation properties and answer for them the question "What do we get for our conservation tax dollars?"

Brett Cherrington asked Richard McNamara if he might be willing to lead such a hike, to which answered yes.

Consensus was to pursue this.

3. Peter Mellen – continued

Peter Mellen reviewed the researching of the deeds he had completed on the Knapton lot from the time of the original town lots were laid out in 1765 until the present. He explained some discrepancies to the Commission.

MINUTES

1. January 8, 2015

Robert Drummond moved: *To approve the minutes of January 8, 2015 as presented.*
Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 2-0-3 (Brett Cherrington, Ann Ford & Linda White abstained).

2. **January 8, 2015 Non-Public**
Robert Drummond moved: *To approve the minutes of the Non-Public session of January 8, 2015 as presented.*
Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 2-0-3 (Brett Cherrington, Ann Ford & Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Intent to Cut** - Sulpher Hill Road, (M 10, L 35)
2. **NH Lakes Association** – Lakeside Quarterly Publication

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Sur Realty** – Tabled
2. **Natural Resources Inventory** - Tabled
3. **Meeting Schedule**

The Commission continued discussing the Selectmen having changed their meeting day and the conflict with the Commission's meetings. John Segedy suggested keeping it on Thursday's but changing to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Consensus of the Commission was in favor of doing so. John Segedy will secure the location and post notice of the change.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Town Marketing Survey**

It was passed around and discussed. Suggestion was to include wildlife (perhaps Bobcats). Chair Cherrington will complete.

2. **Loon Award**

Potential awardees were discussed.

John Segedy will arrange for engraving.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Yeaton moved: *To adjourn.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved February 5, 2015