

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 2, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES

1. **March 19, 2015**

Brett Cherrington corrected a name spelling

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 as amended.*

Rob Drummond seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Linda White abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Town of Hillsborough – Planning Department** – Subdivision Plan - Request for Comment – West Main Street (M11F, L 20).

The Commission briefly reviewed the history of the property including the recent site plan approval. Consensus of the Commission was that no comment was necessary. Brett Cherrington will complete and return.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)** – The Commission reviewed the e-mail response from Jeffrey Littleton. Consensus was to get digital and laminated 3'x4' maps of a) the Ecologically Significant Areas (ESAs) combined with parcels and conservation areas; and b) The Parcel Based Assessment. Linda White will follow up.

2. **Easement Monitoring** – Tabled.

3. **Weatherstone Crossing** – Antrim Road (M 11D, L 298; M 11H, L 305 & 306; M 11L, L 311 & 327). - Brett Cherrington reported about e-mail correspondence he had with Robyn Payson. He also reported about the Public Hearing on the project which he had attended on April 1, 2015. He explained that at the hearing the plans had been changed to address two of the concerns the HCC had expressed – that being having a 100' buffer around the vernal pools and instead of having a mound of dirt next to the vernal pool it was to be spread out over the area where the housing development was to be. The Commission discussed the Easement that the Town Selectmen have agreed to hold. John Segedy noted that at the Selectboard meeting he had asked that a copy be sent to the Commission. He said he had been told by Laura Buono that they had already spoken to Brett Cherrington and that they understood that the Commission didn't want to hold the easement.

The Commission discussed the situation and the consensus was that there appeared to be a misunderstanding. The Commission would prefer that outside agencies hold/monitor Town conservation easements. But, when this isn't possible, the Commission will step in and hold /monitor the easement. It appears that the preference was misconstrued to

mean that the Commission would not perform this function. Brett Cherrington will contact Laura Buono and explain the Commission's position on this matter.

Brett Cherrington reported that a monitoring fund had been proposed that would be in the area of \$20,000 - \$24,000. The Commission reviewed their Monitoring Fund Guidelines and after discussion determined that amount would be sufficient.

It was suggested that the guidelines should be reviewed as it had been a number of years since they had been created. One possible idea was to have separate sections for commercial and residential projects. Rob Drummond agreed to do an initial review and bring suggestions back to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved April 16, 2015.