

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 7, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Peter Mellen

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

Peter Mellen appeared to update the HCC on the research of the *Widow Murdough Wood Lot (M 2, L8)* on behalf of the Commission. He explained that there was a difference between the tax map's boundaries and the deeds and summed up that his research had shown that in his opinion the HCC only owns the six acre triangular piece as described in it's deed and not the additional area to the east of it as shown on the town's tax map.

Peter Mellen reviewed with the HCC the deed research he had done showing the history of ownership stemming from lot 12 in the original third division of the town in the 1700's. He explained numerous property borders being established including through ownership by Benjamin Pierce of Lot 26 in the early 1800's, Peter Mellen reviewed the purchases of various contiguous properties by Samuel Murdough between 1814 and 1820 including the six acre lot from Allen in 1820 that he believes established the boundaries of the HCC's lot in question.

Peter Mellen showed the lot being set off to Samuel Murdough's widow upon his death in 1848 and then passed through other Murdoughs until being sold to Stanitopolis in 1904. The lot then passed to Knapton and then the town HCC.

Peter Mellen reviewed the ownership of the properties to the east and north that showed some conflicting claims to the additional part of the parcel as now shown on the town tax map. Most of that property eventually came to be owned by Davis and Symonds regardless of which of two possible prior claims was correct (Pillsbury or Patenaude). This property was eventually sold to the Boy Scouts. A corrective deed with map was issued by Davis and Symonds in 1972 which clarified that the property included all of Pillsbury and Patenaude property but the property in question was not included on that map.

Peter Mellen explained that when Naomi Payne (current owner) purchased the Boy Scout property she purchased by the deed description of what the Boy Scouts owned and thus he believes is the current owner of the east portion of the property in question.

Peter Mellen provided the HCC with a proposal to complete the survey work including staking, marking, preparing and recording of a record plan for a total of \$5,650.00

The Commission decided to table discussion of the proposal until their next meeting.
Peter Mellen left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

MINUTES

1. **April 16, 2015**

Linda White suggested rewording a sentence on page two.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of April 16, 2015 as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Rob Drummond abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Lakes** – Quarterly Publication and Conference Brochure.
2. **Intent to Cut** – 615 East Washington Road (M 2, L 1, 40-1, 40-2).
3. **Intent to Cut** – Contoocook Falls Road (M 9, L 128).
4. **Intent to Cut** – Contoocook Falls Road (M 9, L 129).
5. **Intent to Cut** – County Road (M 2, L 16). The Commission expressed concern about the cut being such a large one and the fact that there is a stream running on the property. John Segedy was asked to have Iris Campbell arrange to have this checked by the forester.
6. **Intent to Cut** – Concord End Road (M 6, L 8).
7. **Intent to Cut** – Sulpher Hill Road (M 10, L 35).
8. **Moosewood Ecological LLC** – E-mail thread with Linda White. And e-mail from Richard Head. Draft map was sent by Jeffry Littleton for review. Richard had noted two items on the map to be corrected: a) spelling of County Road (not Country) & b) In the information box remove the apostrophe from the word its. Linda White will pass along the corrections. Consensus was that once the corrections were made that she could ok the maps being done.
9. **Town of Hillsborough – Laura Buono** - Regarding Easement as part of Weatherstone Crossing Development. Brett Cherrington read the letter to the Commission. The Commission discussed briefly noting that the Commissions concerns still do not appear to be understood, and that the Commission has still not received copies of any proposed easement. Consensus of the Commission was that a meeting with the Board of Selectmen would still be a good idea if that could be arranged. Brett Cherrington was not sure of his availability to attend the next Selectboard meeting.
10. **Peter Brigham** – E-mail regarding Bernie Carpenter and youth from the Youth Services program doing trail work on the River Walk. Terry Yeaton said he knows Bernie. The consensus of the HCC was that it would be fine for them to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Yeaton moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved June 4, 2015