

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 4, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice-Chair; Richard Head; Linda White; 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 vacant position.

MINUTES

1. May 7, 2015

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of May 7, 2015 as presented.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Richard Head and Ann Ford abstained).

The Commission discussed the 'Old Poor Farm' property that is for sale. Linda White said she had researched it and that it included about five acres.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Lakes** – Dues request.
2. **Intent to Cut** – Windsor Road (M 7, L 48).
3. **Intent to Cut** – Poverty Plains Road (M 7, L 100).
4. **Moosewood Ecological LLC** – Maps that were ordered arrived.
5. **Town of Hillsborough – Laura Buono** - E-mail thread with Brett Cherrington regarding the Patenaude Marsh encroachment.
6. **Town of Hillsborough – Selectboard** – Invitation to Selectboard Meeting/Round-table on June 9th.
7. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly Bank Statement and Expense Report. Fund balance is \$117, 183.95.
8. **Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Complaint received. 99 Gould Pond Road (M 14, L 625).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**

The Commission reviewed the new maps.

Richard Head will bring them to Capital Copy to get them laminated.

There was brief discussion of the Master Plan Updating process and time-line for completing the Conservation chapter. It was noted that the Visioning session is being held June 24th and all were encouraged to attend. Continued work was tabled to next meeting.

2. Easement Monitoring

Brett Cherrington reported that he has continued working on the log and will continue attempting to fill in missing data. He reported that he had walked the River Walk and that there was an abandoned campsite on the Sur Realty property. Brett Cherrington said he often goes to the Shedd Brook/Beard Brook (DeLuca) property and is willing to show it to other members who are interested.

Brett Cherrington talked about the history of the property as well as the old road up Bible Hill and Moore Road.

3. Patenaude Marsh

The HCC discussed the Commission's Plans to layout trails on the property and the Commission's lack of progress yet on making plans. Brett Cherrington suggested they may want to consider paying for it. Ann Ford suggested contacting the Trailwrights organization. She agreed to contact them.

4. Widow Murdough Wood Lot

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposal from Peter Mellen for doing the field survey work for \$5,650.00.

Richard Head moved: *To accept the proposal from Donald R. Mellen Surveyor, LLC dated May 7, 2015 to complete Survey work for the amount of \$5,650.00.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Trails

Brett Cherrington mentioned the need to update the town's trails plan. There was discussion of other lots besides the Patenaude Marsh property.

6. Sur Realty Property

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

Ann Ford seconded. Richard Head -yes, Terry Yeaton -yes, Ann Ford – yes, Linda White – yes, Brett Cherrington - yes.

The Commission entered Non-Public session at 8:14 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public session at 8:17 pm.

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

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Selectboard Round-table

All members were encouraged to attend. Brett Cherrington said he would be attending. The HCC discussed and listed things the Commission is doing to present. Items listed were: a) The NRI and it's use for the Master Plan Update and planning conservation efforts, b) Continuing Marking and Surveying properties; c) Exploring Trail Building, and d) Web-site enhancement.

8. Manahan Park Forestry Report

John Segedy explained this had been done for the Park Board and was provided here as informational. The Commission reviewed the report and briefly discussed.

9. Weatherstone Crossing Easement

Brett Cherrington said he still hadn't had an opportunity to follow up on the May 7th letter he had received from Laura Buono. The Commission discussed and noted that the issues of concern were: a)

Public Access, b) Trails, c) Boundary Marking, d) Enforcement/Monitoring Fees, e) Exhausting Other Options, f) Conservation purposes. Brett Cherrington will continue attempting to follow up on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Cutting by Ball Fields

Brett Cherrington reported that he had received a call from Dave Fullerton regarding plans to cut trees that are shading the HS baseball field on School and Town property. The HCC discussed the matter. The consensus of the Commission was not to get involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved June 18, 2015