

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 18, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Terry Yeaton, Vice-Chair; Richard Head; Linda White; Jim Young; Rob Drummond; Ann Ford, Alternate.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

## MINUTES

### 1. June 4, 2015

A phrase was changed and apostrophes were added.

**Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of June 4, 2015 as amended.***

**Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 5-0-2 (Jim Young and Rob Drummond abstained).**

### 2. June 4, 2015

**Richard Head moved: *To approve the Non-Public minutes of June 4, 2015 as presented.***

**Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 5-0-2 (Jim Young and Rob Drummond abstained).**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Moosewood Ecological LLC** – Bill.
2. **Town of Hillsborough** - May expense report.
3. **Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)** – Notice of Timber Harvesting in Fox Forest.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Cluster Development

Brett Cherrington said he had learned that six properties adjacent to Fox Forest in the area being harvested were part of the “Bennett Subdivision” and had recently been taken by the Town for taxes. He pointed out that three of the lots had previously been deeded to the Town for Conservation Purposes as part of the Subdivision Approval. The Commission reviewed a map of the area.

Brett Cherrington suggested recommending that the Town keep the lots and rejoin them with the Conservation lots.

Consensus of the Commission was in agreement.

Richard Head agreed to compose a letter to the Selectboard expressing the Commission's interest.

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

Brett Cherrington and John Segedy reminded members that the Master Plan Update Committee was holding a Visioning session on June 24, 2015 at the High School from 6:00 to 9:00. All were encouraged to attend.

Richard Head reported the Maps had been laminated.

There was discussion of the Conservation chapter of the Master Plan update. The Commission discussed the Draft chapter that Jeff Littleton had prepared and modifications the Commission had already discussed. Late August was set as a goal to have a draft ready to go to the Master Plan Committee.

**2. Easement Monitoring**

Brett Cherrington reported that he has continued working on the log and will continue attempting to fill in missing data.

**3. Trails**

Ann Ford reported she had been unable to contact the Trailwright representative she was trying to reach.

Brett Cherrington said he had gone on the Trailwright web site and downloaded a request for assistance form.

There was discussion of getting going on the Patenaude Marsh property.

Jim Young and Rob Drummond said they will work on it.

John Segedy suggested some thought be put into naming of the Commission's properties and or any trails it creates.

**4. Selectboard Round-table**

Brett Cherrington reported he had attended the meeting and reported on the Commission's activities. He also reported that Doug Hatfield, a Trustee of the Trust Funds had reported on how well they were doing. Brett said he spoke with Doug after the meeting about the possibility of having the Conservation Fund invested similarly in order to increase its growth. Brett Cherrington e-mailed Laura Buono, Town Administrator asking that she address this.

**5. Weatherstone Crossing Easement**

Brett Cherrington reported that he had spoken with Robyn Payson, Planning Director and Laura Buono, Town Administrator about the Commissions concerns. He said he had explained the errors in the May 7<sup>th</sup> letter to him and he hopes the air has been cleared. Brett Cherrington reported that he had been told that the HCC will be kept in the loop about this as it goes forward and that at this point an easement document doesn't exist.

**6. Contocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNRLAC)**

Jim Young reported that he has been attending the Committee's meetings as the HCC representative. He said they are currently doing testing of the river water as a long term project. Jim Young explained they are testing for pH, turbidity, temperature and oxygen and that the results are reported to DES (Department of Environmental Services).

Brett Cherrington asked if they (CNRLAC) had reviewed the Weatherstone project. Jim Young answered that he was at the meeting when they received the information and had not commented on it. Jim Young said there had been discussion about the Dutton Twins project and an issue that had arisen regarding getting a DES permit that is now being applied for. Terry Yeaton noted that a fuel tank had been removed at the site. He also said that tanks had been removed from the Diamond Acres property.

**WILDLIFE DISCUSSION**

The Commission discussed porcupines' appetite for fruit trees.

The Commission discussed nesting Yellow Bellied Sapsuckers on a Commission property.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.***

**Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:50 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary  
Approved July 2, 2015