

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 6, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Bob Gould, Sue Rauth

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

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

Linda White seconded. Richard Head -yes, Terry Yeaton -yes, Linda White – yes, Jim Young – yes, Brett Cherrington - yes.

The Commission entered Non-Public session at 7:01 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public session at 8:10 pm.

Bob Gould and Sue Rauth left the meeting at this time.

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

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES

1. July 16, 2015

Linda White corrected a name spelling.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of July 16, 2015 as amended.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Brett Cherrington abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. NH Lakes Association** - Quarterly Publication – *Lakeside*.
- 2. NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Application Missing Information, 600 Cooleage Road (M 1, L 56).
- 3. DES** – Complete Forestry Notification, 600 Cooleage Road (M 1, L 56).
- 4. DES** – Application Missing Information, 99 Gould Pond Road (M 14, L 625 & 626).
- 5. DES** – Wetlands Permit by Notification Application, 828 West Main Street (M 19, L 2).
Brett Cherrington noted that he had spoken to the applicant about this application.
- 6. Intent to Cut** - Stowe Mountain Road (M 4, L 40).
- 7. Intent to Cut** - Stowe Mountain Road (M 4, L 45).
- 8. Intent to Cut** - Bog Road (M 9, L 14). It was noted that this property abuts Sand Brook. Brett Cherrington said he would inquire about having this cut checked by the Town Forester.

9. **NH Department of Agriculture** – Letter and Handout regarding firewood quarantine due to the Emerald Ash Borer. It was noted that copies of the handout have already been attached to Intent to Cut forms by the town personnel. After discussion consensus was it should also be posted on the town website. John Segedy was asked to inquire about doing so.
10. **NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative (NHSFI)** – Notice of a Forestry Tour - September 25, 2015.
11. **NH Association of Conservation Commissions** – Save the date notice for Annual Meeting & Conference – November 7, 2015.
12. **Brett Cherrington** – Phone conversation regarding possible available property.

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

Linda White seconded. Richard Head -yes, Terry Yeaton -yes, Linda White – yes, Jim Young – yes, Brett Cherrington - yes.

The Commission entered Non-Public session at 8:42 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public session at 8:50 pm.

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

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

13. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly Budget Statement and Bank Statement

OLD BUSINESS

1. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)/Master Plan Chapter

The Commission reviewed a version compiled and circulated by Richard Head. Brett Cherrington suggested positive answers to open questions on pages 2, 7 & 8 which the commission agreed with. It was also agreed that the map of Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) should be included. Linda White will complete an edit/review and send out for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Trails

John Segedy reported having spoken to David Dick regarding Trailwrights. He was unavailable and the organization is minimally active at this time. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

3. **River-walk Plaque** – John Segedy reported that the plaque at the River-walk honoring Marian Baker had been recovered and is awaiting reinstallation. Jim Young will report to the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee. Brett Cherrington said Marian Baker may have ideas about locating the plaque.

4. Mason Conservation Commission – Bob Dillberger – N.E. Energy Direct Pipeline

Brett Cherrington said he would be alright with signing the petition. He is against use of eminent domain on conservation land for it.

Linda White said she doesn't want it going through conservation areas.

John Segedy said while he believes pipelines may be safer for both people and the environment than trucking, it appears that the path for this particular project was shifted to go through New Hampshire instead of a shorter path through Massachusetts in what he believes may be to avoid stronger and better financed resistance in those communities. He also noted that while not as good as solar or wind, gas is better than coal or oil fueled power.

Jim Young passed out copies of a project overview taken from the Kinder Morgan web site. He spoke in favor of Natural Gas for the environment as well as the economy.

Richard Head said he did not feel they had enough detail about the project in general or about how it effects conservation in Hillsborough. He suggested not signing it at this time.

Consensus of the Board was to not sign the petition at this time.

- 5. **Moose Grant** – Consensus was that the time frame did not fit current projects, but should be kept in mind for future projects.

- 6. **Ford Parking – Update -**

John Segedy reported he had conveyed the Commission's concern to Michael Borden, the Building Inspector. After preliminary review the Inspector reported back that the paving was within the 75' setback and that it had been completed pursuant to a plan that was created before the setback had been changed. John Segedy reported that Michael Borden had said he would continue to investigate the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **NH Wildlife Plan**

Consensus of the commission was that they did not have the resources to review and submit comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Richard Head seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved August 20, 2015