

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 1, 2015

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Joanne Cassulo, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Chair Cherrington called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Joanne Cassulo, CNHRPC – Master Plan Chapter

Joanne Cassulo explained that she was here to help refine the Draft Chapter that the Commission had prepared. She provided a handout with a number of suggestions based on her initial review of the Draft and the NRI (Natural Resources Inventory). Suggestions that were discussed with the HCC included to consider having an overarching goal, reviewing and assessing progress from prior Master Plan, reviewing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Also discussed with the HCC were issues that might effect implementation of goals such as limited volunteers, and an aging population.

Linda White asked if the amount of information included from the NRI was appropriate. Joanne Cassulo said yes she thought so.

The Commission discussed what the procedure going forward should be. The consensus of the HCC was that the Master Plan Committee would be working on what was provided but the HCC would review and provide feedback on future iterations of the chapter as it progressed.

Linda White asked what other departments were doing and if there was a standard format for the different chapters.

Joanne described how a Master Plan was typically laid out.

Brett Cherrington suggested that Joanne could help by taking information from the survey and visioning session and come up with some themes.

John Segedy added that those themes could then be a way to tie the introduction page that Mike Tardiff had started to the draft.

Joanne Cassulo said she would do that and then send it to Brett.

Joanne Cassulo left at 7:35 pm.

MINUTES

September 17, 2015

Terry Yeaton and Linda White offered a wording change.

Jim Young moved: *To approve the minutes of September 17, 2015 as amended.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Brett Cherrington abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Association of Conservation Commissions** – Reminder of Annual meeting on November 7, 2015. Brett Cherrington reminded the HCC that they could sponsor a student to attend for free. John Segedy said he would let the HS principal know.
2. **DES (Department of Environmental Services)** – Mountainside Drive (M 21, L 22). File number correction.
3. **Fox Forest Newsletter** – Brett Cherrington noted some trail changes.
4. **Franklin Pierce Lake Association** – E-mail – Summary of Lake Host Program. It was noted that no invasive species were found.
5. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly expense report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Trails** – Patenaude Marsh (M12A, L 3).

Jim Young reviewed his and Rob Drummond's inspection of the property along with the recommendation to look again later in the fall when there was better visibility and again in the spring when the water was higher. The HCC discussed possible trail locations in relation to the boundaries and water.

John Segedy suggested getting a copy of the map laminated for field use. Brett Cherrington asked him to do so.

Brett Cherrington reported he had spoken with Laura Buono regarding the encroachment issue and she told him it had been put in the hands of the code enforcement officer, but that he had been busy over the summer and hopefully will have time to deal with it soon.

November 21, 2015 was chosen as a date for viewing the property. Members who are able will meet at the Madison Circle entrance at 9:00 am.

2. **Flood Plain Ordinance**

The Commission reviewed the proposed revision to the town's ordinance. Brett Cherrington passed around copies of a chapter from "Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques" that he had obtained from the DES web site. He noted the discussion section emphasizing the fact that what the town currently has as well as the proposed revisions are minimum standards and only focus on qualifying for flood insurance. Brett Cherrington read sections referencing the enormous costs that flooding has.

John Segedy asked if he was suggesting the HCC advocate for a higher level of regulation.

Brett Cherrington answered "No, but that he wanted to provide context so that it was understood that these standards are for insurance purposes and should not be assumed to provide protection to people and the environment.

3. **Sur Realty Property**

Brett Cherrington noted that he had received e-mails from Bob Gould and Laura Buono regarding Bob having provided an addendum to the Purchase and Sale agreement regarding accepting as a donation any difference in an appraised value of the property versus the price paid, which the Selectboard had declined to agree to. Brett Cherrington said he had spoken to Laura Buono about this and she will present to the Selectboard that this had been discussed and tacitly agreed to during negotiations between Mr. Gould and the HCC.

Terry Yeaton read the Public Notice for the Hearing on the subdivision of the property being purchased to take place on Wednesday October 7, 2015.

4. **Ford – Paving**

Jim Young asked about the paving near the river as Janet Renaud from Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee had expressed concern.

John Segedy explained that his understanding was that it had been determined that the area in question had been used for parking and was impermeable all ready so that the paving did not increase the area of impermeability. He suggested that Janet Renaud be directed to contact Robyn Payson for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marina Road Hearing

Terry Yeaton read the Public Notice regarding a hearing for a variance being held on October 19, 2015.

John Segedy recused himself from discussion of this matter.

The HCC discussed the matter briefly including a general discussion of the proposal of replacing an existing structure within the setback with one further away but larger.

John Segedy un-recused himself.

2. Glass Recycling

Terry Yeaton noted the Town was no longer recycling glass.

3. Unknown Town Properties

John Segedy noted that during the Master Plan survey it was noticed that many of the Town's historical and environmental properties (including HCC properties) were unknown and unused by a significant part of the town's citizens. He suggested that perhaps an educational program could be conducted to bring attention to these sites. The HCC discussed briefly.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved October 15, 2015