

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 17, 2016

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

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

MINUTES

1. **March 3, 2016**

Linda White and Brett Cherrington suggested a name/wording change.

Jim Young moved: *To approve the minutes of March 3, 2016 as amended.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool** – Account statement.
2. **Anne Krantz, UNH Cooperative Extension Service** – Regarding Laser tree measurement.
3. **Ron Cheetham, Franklin Pierce Lake Association (FPLA)** – Seeking confirmation of HCC support of the Lake Host program through membership in the New Hampshire Lakes Association. Consensus of the Commission was to continue support. Chair Cherrington will convey decision to Ron Cheetham.
4. **Brett Cherrington and Gary Sparks** – E-mail thread regarding Corvus Training Group, LLC proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Bobcat Letter** – The HCC reviewed a draft letter that Linda White had prepared urging reconsideration of the proposed bobcat season. A number of changes were suggested. Linda White will incorporate those changes and Brett Cherrington will sign on behalf of the Commission and submit to the New Hampshire Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.
2. **Trails and Signs** – Terry Yeaton reported he had walked the River-walk and did some clean up. He noted there were a couple of downed trees that needed to be cut up. He and Jim Young will set up a time to do so. He also suggested rerouting the trail on the Commission's newly acquired property. Setting up a work day for this will be put on the next agenda.
3. **Lighting** – Tabled.
4. **Colonial Heights** – Brett Cherrington reported that no progress was noted when he went by.
5. **Corvus Training Group** – Brett Cherrington said there wasn't much to talk about. He mentioned the map that Gary Sparks had sent to him and that he had forwarded.
6. **NH Association of Conservation Commissions** – Brett Cherrington submitted membership bill for payment.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Land Use Change Tax -**

Brett Cherrington reported that after seeing a comment in a letter in the newspaper from Peter Mellen, he had listened to the recording of the Selectboard meeting of February 16, 2016. He said that although it is hard to follow the recording, that they are apparently considering abating the Land Use Change Tax for the Weatherstone Crossing project. He expressed concern about doing so considering that is the main source of income for the Commission's Conservation Fund. Consensus of the Commission was against the abatement. Brett Cherrington said he would attempt to get on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting. Members will attend as they are able so that they can speak to the Selectboard and ask them to reconsider the proposal.

2. Non-Public Session -

Brett Cherrington moved: *For the HCC to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:4 II c & d.*

Jim Young seconded. Roll call vote: Brett Cherrington – yes, Terry Yeaton – yes, Linda White – yes, Jim Young – yes. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:35 pm.

The Commission exited Non-Public Session at 9:22 pm.

Jim Young moved: *To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS**1. Trail Cam Pictures**

The Commission briefly discussed trail cam pictures and bobcats.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Terry Yeaton seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved April 7, 2016