

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 21, 2016

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

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

MINUTES

1. March 17, 2016 – Non Public Session

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of March 17, 2016 Non Public Session as presented.*

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

2. April 7, 2016

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of April 7, 2016 as presented.*

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

3. April 12, 2016

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of April 12, 2016 as presented.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool** – Account statement
- 2. Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly Expense report.
- 3. NH Lakes Association** – Quarterly Publication
- 4. Intent to Cut** – Sulphur Hill Road (M 10, L9), with attached map. Previously received and referred for follow up. Consensus: nothing further to be done.
- 5. Eversource** – Wetland Minimum Impact Expedited Application.
83 Center Road (M 12, L 8).
- 6. News Articles** – On Hiking Trails and the Merrimack River, shared by Ann Ford.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) – Selectboard Presentation –

Brett Cherrington thanked Richard Head for his presentation of the legal arguments to the Selectboard. The HCC discussed both Richard's and Brett's presentations. The consensus was that both were well done and presented the HCC's views clearly and accurately. The Commission also discussed the assessor's summary that had been provided at the Selectboard meeting that estimated the amount of the LUCT that had been abated at \$50,000.00 and the amount of the loss to the Conservation Fund at \$25,000.00. The Selectboard is meeting again next Tuesday and will hopefully have a response. A quorum of the Commission will not be attending so an HCC meeting will not be posted.

2. Trails and Signs –

- a. Brett Cherrington reiterated his belief that the Commission should investigate getting professional assistance. Richard Head said he would be willing to assist with what Jim Young and Rob Drummond had previously volunteered to do. He wanted to prioritize the Old Mill Development easement rather than the Colonial Heights one. John Segedy said he would be willing to assist also. Richard Head said he would reach out to Jim Young to get the list of companies and contact information.
- b. River-Walk – Terry Yeaton reported that he had marked some trail changes on the new property with green tape. The Commission set May 14th at 12:00 noon for a work session. John Segedy will get the information to the papers.
- c. Old Mill Development - the HCC discussed establishing trails on the property. Brett Cherrington noted that there were previously trails on the front section that could be reclaimed, but the back section heading down to Shedd Brook would need to have trails made. Brett Cherrington said he would scout out the property .

3. Non-Public Session -

Richard Head moved: *For the HCC to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:4 II d.*
Linda White seconded. Roll call vote: Brett Cherrington – yes, Terry Yeaton – yes, Linda White – yes, Richard Head – yes, Ann Ford - yes. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:22.

The Commission exited Non-Public Session at 8:34 pm.

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

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Sign Pictures

The HCC viewed sign pictures that Terry Yeaton had taken. Brett Cherrington will post them to Google Drive.

5. Lighting Update – tabled.

6. Facebook Pages – The HCC discussed use of the page. Brett Cherrington asked someone else to post so he could assess how it works. Richard did so. Brett Cherrington asked if anyone else wanted to be an administrator to let him know.

7. Officers

Richard Head moved: *To reappoint Brett Cherrington as Chair and Terry Yeaton as Vice-Chair.*
Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved May 5, 2016