

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 5, 2016

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Dave Fullerton, Selectman.

Brett Cherrington, Marian Baker.

Acting Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Ann Ford was appointed to vote in place of a vacant position.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Brett Cherrington addressed the Commission to tie up loose ends. He returned supply of signs and noted he had turned in his keys the previous Friday.

Brett Cherrington reported he had finished filling in the info he had on the easement log and it is posted. He noted that there were still a few gaps but he believes those could be filled by reviewing old minutes.

Brett Cherrington told the HCC that he had taken down the Facebook Page he had started as it hadn't gotten that far and that the Commission could restart one if someone wanted to administer it.

He mentioned that he had heard about a grant opportunity for trails and he believed that there was about a month left to apply.

Brett Cherrington reported he had scouted out the Old Mill Farm property. He provided maps he had and described many trails that already existed. He recommended the HCC pursue establishing the trails on this property.

Brett Cherrington reminded the HCC of their request to the Selectboard regarding the Bennett Subdivision to consolidate and protect the taken properties and that they should follow up on it.

Brett Cherrington also reported that at the previous Selectboard Meeting, that Steve Livingston had been there regarding getting permission for using UTV – ATV's on roads and also had discussed their traveling over the newly acquired conservation land property extending the River-walk. He noted that Steve Livingston had said he would be willing to meet to discuss that access and Brett suggested the HCC follow up on this.

The HCC members expressed thanks to Brett Cherrington for his years of service.

Richard Head noted that they would be discussing a letter regarding asking for reconsideration of the decision to not reappoint him.

Brett Cherrington left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

2. Marian Baker said that she was looking for a skilled botanist for some work she was doing and asked for suggestions.

Linda White suggested the UNH Land Steward program. Rachel Thiet and Jeff Littleton were also suggested.

MINUTES**1. April 21, 2016 – Non Public Session**

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of April 21, 2016 Non Public Session as presented.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2 (Rob Drummond and Jim Young abstained).

2. April 21, 2016

Linda White pointed out a couple of corrections.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of April 21, 2016 as presented.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2 (Jim Young and Rob Drummond abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. New Hampshire Lakes Association** – Bill and Conference Pamphlet – Terry will submit bill to be paid if it hadn't been done yet.
- 2. Sue Fyfe, Inchcape North Association** – Mountainside Drive (M 21, L 22). Copies of supplemental information submitted to Department of Environmental Services (DES).
- 3. Osram Sylvania** – Conservation Easement West Main St. (M 11K, L 330). Notification of application for renewal of Groundwater Management Permit.
- 4. DES** – Wetlands Permit – Eversource Energy 83 Center Road (M 12, L 8).

OLD BUSINESS**1. Trails**

Richard Head has the contact information for trail development company and will follow up with obtaining information. There was discussion of the Old Mill Farm property.

Terry Yeaton reminded Commissioners of the River-walk work session on Saturday the 14th at noon.

Terry Yeaton and Marian Baker will do preliminary work with chainsaw before that time.

2. Lighting –

Jim Young reported that he had sent a letter to the Building Inspector regarding lighting that may not be compliant with the town's regulation (site plan). There was discussion. He will mention one location he had omitted when he speaks with the inspector.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Membership**

Richard Head provided a draft of a letter he had written to the Selectboard regarding their decision to not reappoint Brett Cherrington to the Commission. He reviewed the many things that Brett has done and the attributes he brings to the Commission that have been beneficial to both the Commission and the town over the many years he has served. The letter asks that the Selectboard reconsider their decision. He requested the Commission vote to have on record whether the letter reflects their view and is being sent on their behalf.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Terry Yeaton to sign the letter on behalf of the Commission.*

Jim Young seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Terry Yeaton told the Commission that he is not interested in taking over as Chair. He will continue as Vice-Chair and as Acting Chair for the time being but is unable to commit to the duties of Chairman full time.

Jim Young and Rob Drummond both reported that they were considering resigning from the Commission outlining a number of reasons. They were asked to consider being alternates.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 6-0 at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved May 19, 2016