

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 16, 2016

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Peter Mellen

Acting Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Ann Ford was appointed to vote in place of a vacant position.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. Peter Mellen

Peter Mellen addressed the HCC to update them on the status of his surveying of the 'Widow Murdough Lot'. He reported he had conferred with Clayton Platt who is surveying the adjoining property. Peter reported that Clayton did not disagree with the work Peter had done and questioned the likelihood of getting a lot line agreement signed at this time. They suggested that Peter record the plan he had prepared and then Clayton would incorporate that property line into his own plan. Peter Mellen asked the HCC if they wanted him to finish his survey by running the west property line, marking the boundaries, and recording the plan. The consensus of the Commission was that he should proceed as described.

MINUTES

1. November 3, 2016

Richard Head suggested a grammatical change.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of November 3, 2016 as amended.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Voss Signs** – E-mail thread.
2. **Brett Cherrington** - E-mail.
3. **Maine Line Graphics** – Quote for sign.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Trails** – It was noted that at previous meetings the HCC has authorized its members to do work on Town conservation property. The HCC decided it would be better to formalize this past practice with a vote.

Richard Head moved: *To authorize HCC members and alternates to do trail work and to monitor property under HCC management.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Marking Tags

John Segedy showed the commission the proof of the trail marking tags he had received from Voss Signs. Consensus of the Commission was that it looked good and John Segedy should authorize Voss Signs to go ahead and print the tags. John Segedy presented the bill that Richard Head had paid for with his credit card, noting it was \$10 more than previously authorized due to shipping charge. Acting Chair Yeaton will submit for payment to Richard.

3. Signs – Terry Yeaton shared the quote he had received from Maine Line Graphics of \$550 for a Gleason Falls sign. He also said he had inquired who Henniker uses, and was told Murdough's Signs. Linda White said she had asked regarding Bradford's practice and was told that a member does theirs with a router.**4. Easement Walks** – Linda White said she was having trouble accessing the online Easement log. Richard Head said he would help her. Richard Head also said he would send out the report for the Smith easement**5. River Lot** – Ann Ford reported she had walked it and then along the River. She noted that the lot was very wet. The Commission discussed the lot noting:

- a. It abuts the HCC's "PSNH" easement across the river which has been discussed to have a trail established on it,
- b. The property being wet and mostly wetlands, and
- c. The property abutting a one lane Stone Arch Bridge.

The consensus of the Commission was to recommend that the lot be retained and not sold. Acting Chair Yeaton will convey that recommendation.

6. Woods Property – Linda White reported that she had spoken with Irene Woods who reiterated that the Woods still want to sell the property. She had said that she also spoke with Mike McClusky with DES and was given an estimated price of \$3,000 to \$5,000 to do an initial environmental assessment of the property. John Segedy opined that the HCC shouldn't encourage the Woods to do testing if the HCC isn't willing to follow through and attempt purchasing it. The HCC continued discussion of the property.**7. Budget** – The Commission discussed the various budget line items. Terry Yeaton said he understood that the Selectboard would like to keep the budget flat lined. Consensus of the Commission was to keep all lines the same except to increase the dues line by \$25 to cover increases. Terry Yeaton will forward that information to Laura Buono.**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Web Site** – Richard Head said he had noted the HCC web site needs to be updated as it still has Jim and Rob as members and doesn't have John Segedy as an alternate.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Ann Ford seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved December 1, 2016