

# HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 18, 2017

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Mike Black, Bob Thomas, Brett Cherrington.

Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:01 pm. John Segedy was appointed to vote in place of a vacancy.

## VISITOR BUSINESS

### **1. Mike Black – Easement Review**

Mike Black spoke to the Commission about the latest version of the easement that had been provided for review and provided a new version of the plan. He said he had thought that it had been reviewed by Laurie Sargent at DES (Department of Environmental Services) and was awaiting review by the NH Attorney General, but that it turns out that Ms. Sargent was awaiting comments from the HCC which didn't know that comments were wanted.

Terry Yeaton noted a word error and that the access still needed to be clarified. Mike Black said that access would be through the lot on the Second NH Turnpike just over the town line in Antrim. (M 202, L 52).

Richard Head had a number of change suggestions, mostly clarifying the text. Mike Black suggested that the HCC put together a “red-lined” version of the easement with the changes.

There was discussion of snowmobile trails. Mike Black that he had moved the trail to go behind the development which would be over the easement. Terry Yeaton said he would prefer to leave it to the owner. Richard Head said he would want some specification. John Segedy suggested that while the easement didn't need to specify the exact location it should be clear that it would be allowed but that other wheeled motor vehicles wouldn't.

Richard Head agreed to prepare “red-lined” version for the HCC to review at the next meeting.

John Segedy pointed out that the access should be included. Mike Black said he would add a deeded access.

Mike Black said he would send an electronic copy of the plan. He left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

### **2. Bob Thomas (M 11C, L 349)**

Bob Thomas addressed the Commission regarding his request to obtain a portion of the town's property to add to his adjoining lot (M 11C, L 289). A map was provided showing proposed 'squaring off' of lot as well as further expansion with a 50' wide strip. Richard Head questioned why the Commission would want to agree to the proposal and

what the purpose was. John Segedy noted that the HCC had wanted to retain ownership of the property due to the property being wetlands, bordering the North Branch River as well as the Commission's easement on the other side of the river. Bob Thomas explained that he wanted to expand his property to have frontage and clean up the appearance. He talked about being able to build on the portion of the property he already owns. It was noted that he already has an easement over the town's property.

There was discussion of the conservation value of brush and wetlands.

John Segedy noted that the 50' strip in addition to the squaring off would appear to bring the property line very close to the river, where as the squaring off would be the same distance as his property already is from it. There was also discussion of the Shoreland Protection Act and that there may be limitations on what can be done on the property anyway. It was suggested that Bob Thomas contact DES.

John Segedy pointed out that the Commission had previously suggested that they would be open to the Town selling a small part of the property. Consensus of the Commission was that if there were to be a sale it should be limited to the squaring off and not include the 50' additional strip.

### 3. **Brett Cherrington**

Brett Cherrington said he didn't come for anything in particular. He suggested that the PSNH easement had well written language that might be helpful as a model when working on the Mike Black property easement.

## MINUTES

### 1. **April 20, 2017**

Linda White suggested a phrase change.

**Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of April 20, 2017 as amended.***

**Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NH Lakes Association** – Conference pamphlet.
2. **Town of Hillsborough** – Conservation Fund statement. \$68.30 interest earned.
3. **Intent to Cut** – Route 31, (M 4, L 35).
4. **Intent to Cut** – Hall Road, (M 7, L 152-3).
5. **Intent to Cut** – Route 9, (M 10, L 44).
6. **Tighe & Bond for Silverstreet Hydro, LLC** – Contoocook River Channel Improvements Project – Minor Impact Permit

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Signs** – Terry Yeaton reported the sign for Gleason Falls was done and ready to pick up. Terry said he would submit the bill for payment. Richard Head said he will pick up the sign. Terry and Richard will scout out the area for a good location to install it.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **E-mail** – Terry noted he had a link on his computer that he just noticed but there were only 3 old messages on it. It was suggested that was an address that was created to set up the Google Docs account. Linda White said she had talked to Iris Campbell who is going to contact the Town's tech support person about having the mail auto forwarded to Terry Yeaton and Linda White.

2. **Shaws Conservation Property Access** – John Segedy noted that the proposed sidewalk project would be going by the entrance to the property. He suggested that Laura Buono be contacted to ensure that the curb cut be maintained and that if the town is doing some of the work, perhaps a small parking area could be cleared at the same time. Consensus of the Commission agreed. Terry Yeaton said he would speak to Laura about this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.***

**Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:37 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy  
Recording Secretary