

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 15, 2017

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Robyn Payson, Planning Director.

Craig Tufts, Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC).

Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

John Segedy was appointed to vote in place of a vacancy.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. **Robyn Payson** – Informed the Board that she had come to discuss the Conservation Easement for the Mike Black project, but that she had been informed that Mike had forwarded the HCC's comments to NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services) and thus she had no need to discuss them. She said that Mike has requested to be on the next agenda.

Terry Yeaton suggested that the HCC should have a Model Easement for people to use.

Robyn Payson said that is something the Commission could do. Richard Head noted that SPNHF (Society for the Protection of NH Forests) and the Five Rivers Conservation Trust have model easements.

Robyn Payson left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

2. **Craig Tufts – CNHRPC** – Spoke to the Commission about Rail Trails. He explained he has been working with a group working on a trail from Concord to Lake Sunapee and was looking into the potential to connect it to the rail bed running through Hillsborough to Deering. Craig Tufts said he was looking to see if there was interest in such a project in Hillsborough from the Commission and others. He expressed that he was not planning on doing this himself but was more looking at facilitating the project. The Commission discussed previous talk of trails in Hillsborough in particular the rail bed along the Contoocook River.

John Segedy noted there had also been prior discussion of a trail to Manahan Park.

Richard Head asked if they were getting Right of Ways?

Craig replied that yes they were going to use pro bono attorneys to write up easements. There was discussion of the need for volunteers. Craig Tufts suggested that if a core group could be gathered he could go through the tax maps with them and they could map out possible routes.

Linda White asked Craig if he already had form letters. Craig answered that yes they had forms and templates to work from. He also said that there was going to be a meeting at the Hopkinton Library on Monday June 26th.

Linda White said she would be interested in participating.

The HCC discussed other people who may be interested in working on this.

Craig Tufts left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

MINUTES**1. June 1, 2017**

Richard Head suggested removing an amusing sentence.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of June 1, 2017 as amended.*

John Segedy seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Richard Head abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Hillsborough Planning Board** – Request for Comment – Site Plan of Bohler Engineering for McDonald's 316 West Main St.(M 11K, L 087).
The HCC reviewed the supplied plans.

Consensus of the Commission was that the proposal would have no effect on conservation issues.

Chair Yeaton submitted the comment sheet without comment.

- 2. Hillsborough Planning Board** – Request for Comment – Site Plan of Victor Delora and Peter Colbath 174 Henniker St.(M 12, L 071).
The HCC reviewed the supplied plans. Richard Head expressed concern about vehicle parking not being paved. John Segedy said he was concerned about treating this proposal differently than other businesses in the town that have the same issue.

Richard Head moved: To comment that “The HCC is concerned with any project that proposes to bring used vehicles into a concentrated area and the potential negative impact to soil and water. Liquids from used vehicles, either oil or radiator fluid, has the potential to cause harm. We recommend that the Planning Board consider appropriate control measures for monitoring and preventing liquids from contaminating soil and groundwater”.

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (John Segedy abstained).

John Segedy moved: To amend the comment by adding: “If the Planning Board seeks to impose a restriction that parking isn't to be allowed on unpaved surfaces it may want to do so by proposing an ordinance to the voters.”

Motion was not seconded.

Richard Head moved: To amend the comment by adding: “If the Board concludes that it is unable to impose fluid management control measures on the applicant due to legal restrictions in light of existing businesses that are allowed to engage in similar businesses without Town imposed control measures, the HCC recommends the Town consider bringing it to the Town as a change in zoning.”

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (John Segedy abstained).

John Segedy will type up the comment and submit it.

- 3. Statement – Conservation Fund - \$73.88 interest earned.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Signs** – Terry Yeaton reported the bill for the sign for Gleason Falls had been paid. Richard Head will pick it up.
- 2. Shaws Conservation Property Access** – The HCC discussed doing some work on the entrance to the area. Richard Head said he wanted to stop by and take a look at the property. Tabled to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Membership – Farmers Market** – John Segedy suggested setting up a table at the Farmers Market to seek out members. Richard Head said he would be willing to do so. He asked who to contact about that. John Segedy said he would find out and send him the info.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved July 6, 2017