

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 1, 2018

Hillsborough Town Office

Unapproved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

Russ Galpin, Brett Cherrington (Left 7:50), Peter Mellen (7:20-7:40).

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.

MINUTES

1. January 18, 2018.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of January 18, 2018 as presented.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Department of Environmental Services (DES)** – Conditional Approval – Antrim Road. (M 11D, L 298; M 11H, L 305 & 306; M 11L, L 311 & 327). Conditioned upon ARM payment by June 18, 2018 as well as execution and recording of conservation easement.
2. **Intent to Cut** – Cooledge Road (M 4, L 52).
3. **Intent to Cut** – Robbins Road (M 5, L 124).
4. **Intent to Cut** – County Road (M 2, L 7 & 36).
5. **Intent to Cut** – Sleeper Road (M 1, L 1).
6. **DES** – Notice of Compliance & Release of Recordation. 55 Hummingbird Lane (M 17, L 211).
7. **DES** – Application Returned Due to Missing Information. Cooledge Road M 4, L 51.
8. **Town of Hillsborough** – Updated budget sheet. Consensus of the Commission was that they were happy to see the Contracted Services and Sign line items restored.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Trail Work Contractor** – John Segedy reported that per ChairYeaton's e-mail to him he had reviewed the list of foresters and identified about a half dozen that indicated they did work on recreational projects and were relatively close by our area. He noted however that he hadn't yet contacted any as the original direction to try to get general cost estimates before the public budget hearing was unattainable and is apparently now moot. He asked for direction from the HCC on how to proceed. After discussion it was determined the parties should be asked if they specifically did trail work and if so if they did would they be interested in possibly working on project(s) for the HCC. Laura Buono suggested that the Central NH Planning Commission be asked for suggestions. John Segedy will follow up on these.

2. **Project Planning** – The HCC discussed projects they would like to work on in the future including finishing surveying and marking projects and trail building. A plan/map of the property behind Shaws (M11K, L 330-1) was reviewed. Brett Cherrington shared information about the area near the river and the mitigation area. Chair Yeaton asked Peter Mellen to prepare an estimate for marking the borders which he agreed to do. Trails on the Old Mill Farm property (partially done) and Patenaude Marsh properties were briefly discussed but consensus was to concentrate on property by Shaws due to its proximity to downtown. Laura Buono will relay the need for a curb cut in the towns current West Main Street sidewalk project so that access to a future small parking lot can be possible. Brett Cherrington talked about this possibly being a very large project due to the size of the property. John Segedy said it could be large, or small or done in sections. Laura Buono said it would be helpful to develop a plan. Richard Head noted that this time of year would be good to view the property as the wet areas would be frozen. He and Terry Yeaton planned to walk the property on February 11th.
Surveying and marking projects were discussed. Terry Yeaton said that currently Peter Mellen is working on the “Partners Farm Properties & Easements” (M7, L 119) and “Lake District Lot” (M 9, L 40). Laura Buono said she would be talking to the Selectboard about putting the “Lake District Lot” into Conservation. It was also mentioned that this will be a good place for a future trail. It was noted that a different surveyor would need to be found to do the “Rowe Marsh” Property (M 9, L 99). The Commission will discuss getting proposals at a future meeting.
3. **Easement Monitoring** – The annual winter monitoring walk of the “Philbrick” Property was discussed. Richard Head and Terry Yeaton will plan to do this on February 18th. Linda White reported that she had been able to update the online monitoring log. She suggested that Commissioners review it at their convenience and see if anything missing is noticed.
4. **ARM (Aquatic Resources Mitigation)** – Chair Yeaton reported he had attended a “Roundtable” meeting regarding the Grant program and that at this time there is only \$40.00 available in the Contoocook River area. Consensus of the Commission was to review this again when the fund grows. It was noted that the HCC should still work on a list of possible mitigation projects. This will be placed on the agenda and discussed again at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Planning Board Aquifer Ordinance Proposal** – The Draft Aquifer Protection District and ordinance that had been provided by Planning Director Robyn Payson was briefly reviewed. The map was compared with the Aquifer Map in the Commission's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). Richard head said he thought they were from the same data set. The Commission will review the ordinance for further discussion at a future meeting.
2. **Franklin Pierce Boat Ramp** – Terry Yeaton asked Laura Buono if the ramp had been done yet. Laura Buono reported that it was done in the fall.
3. **Solar Array** – Terry Yeaton asked Laura Buono if the Solar project was done yet. Laura Buono said that they are getting ready to go online. She said she would see about setting up an opportunity for the HCC to view it.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Wildlife Discussion**

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary