

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 15, 2018

Hillsborough Town Office

Unapproved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Chair Yeaton called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:02 pm. John Segedy was appointed to vote in place of a vacancy.

MINUTES

1. February 1, 2018.

A couple of grammatical corrections were made.

Richard Head moved: *To approve the minutes of February 1, 2018 as amended.*

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 1, L 56).
- 3. Mary Ellen Duffy Tanamly** – Wetlands Permit Application, 16 Moccasin Trail (M 16, L 306).
- 4. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** – Conservation Fund Account Statement (Interest = \$110.18, Balance \$101,529.25).

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Trail Work Contractor** – John Segedy reported that he had sent inquiries to twelve of the foresters on the list provided who were located nearby and also to Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Engineering, Ann Poole and Mike Tardiff from Central New Hampshire Planning and so far has received 5 responses of interest and one who isn't taking on new projects at this time.

The HCC discussed creating an RFP for the property behind Shaws.

Terry Yeaton and Richard Head reported they had walked a loop of the property the previous Sunday. Richard noted that to create a trail they would need to consider the fact that the property is in the floodplain and the Power line easement. He also said it looked like there was plenty of room for a small parking lot near West Main Street. Terry Yeaton suggested that they should look at the property again in the summer as conditions are likely to be different. Richard Head said he probably had a previous RFP that the HCC had used a number of years ago that may be useful as a model. He will look for it. Consensus was to investigate possible grants to help pay for the project. Linda White will look into L-Chip and Moose-plate grants. John Segedy will check if the ACC (Association of Conservation Commissions) knows of other possible grant options.

2. **Project Planning** – The HCC discussed briefly other projects and decided to concentrate on the current ones at this time.
3. **Mitigation Project List** – Terry Yeaton passed around copies of a list of types of projects for the list that had been provided at the ARM round-table meeting he had attended. John Segedy mentioned he had noticed that there were two culvert replacements on the recently adopted Capital Improvement Plan. Richard Head said he thought that Culverts would be good projects that would fit into the types of projects that DES would prioritize. Terry Yeaton said that Laura Buono was going to talk to Billy Goss and would probably discuss the culvert replacements. John Segedy said it was possible that restoring the shore-land that is part of the Woolen Mills Brownfields site after it is cleaned up would be an appropriate project to list. Consensus was the cleanup would have to be done first.
4. **Aquifer Ordinance** – Commissioners hadn't had a chance to review the proposal. Tabled for discussion at the second meeting in March.
5. **Easement Monitoring** – The annual winter monitoring walk of the “Philbrick” Property . Is still planned for Richard Head and Terry Yeaton to do on February 18th.
6. **Membership** – Chair Yeaton reported that Russ Galpin and Roger Shamel had been appointed by the Selectmen to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ACC Round-table Meeting** – Terry Yeaton reviewed his attendance at the meeting. He shared an idea that some CC's do tours of their properties for the public. Richard Head opined that would take some effort for guides, parking, etc.

Terry Yeaton suggested the HCC consider a Facebook Page for posting wildlife pictures etc. He said that Barbara Richter had said they could do so through the NHACC's page.

2. **Contoocook and North Branch River Advisory Committee** – Terry Yeaton reported that at the next meeting the Committee would be discussing a renewal application from Angus Lea for pesticide application 15' from the Contoocook River. He asked for input from the Commission. John Segedy said he would abstain from this discussion. Richard Head said that 15' was very close to the River. Linda White said she didn't think it was a good idea. Richard Head said the question came down to whether a golf course was a sufficient need for the application. Terry Yeaton said he would bring the concerns to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Head moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary