

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 16, 2018

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Russ Galpin.

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

James McDonough

Chair Head called the Hillsborough Conservation Commission (HCC) meeting to order at 7:00 pm. John Segedy was appointed to vote in place of a vacancy.

MINUTES

1. August 2, 2018

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of August 2, 2018 as presented.*

Richard Head seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Russ Galpin abstained).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NHDES (Department of Environmental Services)** - Jahado Trail, (adjoining M 5, L 25 & M 5, L 31). Request for more information.
2. **Franklin Pierce Lakes Association** – NH Lakes Association Bill.
3. **Town of Hillsborough** – Expense report.
4. **NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** - Conservation Fund Account Statement (Balance \$102,498.34).
5. **Robyn Payson** – E-mail thread regarding Partners Farm Easement (M 9, L 99). Also phone conversation – Mr. Murphy has dropped request to reform easement.

VISITOR BUSINESS

1. **James McDonough - Contocook Confluence Trail (CCT) (M 11K, L 330-1).** - James spoke to the Commission about the work he has been doing to establish the trail on the HCC's property. He described the 40 hours he has put in since May on the project. He described that he had completed first an Eastern Route to the 'Confluence', and then a second route to make a loop.
Richard Head said that he and Terry Yeaton had walked the route a while back. He hoped to get out there again in the near future now that more has been completed. James McDonough noted that he had moved the trail from a steep area at the suggestion of Terry Yeaton after that viewing.
Richard Head asked what would be necessary to maintain the trail?
James McDonough answered that regular foot traffic along with occasional clearing.
Richard Head asked how much Boardwalk would be necessary?
James McDonough said he had been out since the recent rains and there were at least three areas; a) One would be about 80' long and 30" high, b) The area by the old driving range would need about 150' of Boardwalk as well as a 20'-30' crossing, and c) a third area with about a 50' Boardwalk.

John Segedy asked if those areas were marked?

James McDonough answered no.

Linda White asked if he saw the trail as being accessible?

Jim McDonough answered no.

John Segedy suggested that the Riverwalk might be more appropriate trail to make accessible.

James McDonough suggested that this would be a great area for Cross Country Skiing in the winter.

The HCC discussed future trail work.

Richard Head suggested investigating the New England Mountain Bike Association and the Greenfield Trails Association.

James McDonough noted wildlife he had seen while out on the property included beaver, muskrat, night heron and black ducks. He also noted that there were abandoned items including a net from the old Driving Range, a tire, a game camera and a tree stand.

James McDonough said he needed a written acknowledgment of the volunteer work.

John Segedy said he would prepare that and forward it to Chair Head for signing it.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Surveying – Rowe Marsh (M9, L 99).** Tabled to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Russ Galpin moved: *To adjourn.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved September 6, 2018