

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 20, 2018

Hillsborough Town Office

Unapproved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Richard Head, Chair; Linda White, Vice Chair; Roger Shamel.

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate; Jon Daley, Selectperson (arrived 7:10)..

Kristi & Lawrence Lundt.

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.

VISITOR BUSINESS

- 1. Kristi & Lawrence Lundt** - 59 Hummingbird Lane (M 17, L 219). - Kristi Lundt spoke to the HCC regarding plans for replacing an existing seasonal dock on their property. She noted that they have been told by DES (Department of Environmental Services) that the existing dock is not grandfathered and the shore front wasn't 75'. Richard Head asked about the existing rip rap and if it had been permitted. Ms. Lundt said she didn't know. John Segedy asked if they had met with DES? Kristi Lundt answered that she had called them. Richard Head asked the distance to the abutter. Kristi answered it was seven feet. Richard informed her that she would need the abutter's approval. Richard Head explained that the only review that the HCC would do would be for expedited review and whether the HCC would provide comments to DES and that DES is responsible for approval of the application. The Commission would only be concerned to see whether there were any items that needed to be brought to the attention of DES. Richard Head noted that one of the things DES would probably be concerned about was the rip-rap and that they might send a letter of deficiency. He suggested calling DES and setting up a pre-application meeting.

MINUTES

1. September 6, 2018

Richard Head, Roger Shamel & Linda White suggested changes.

Linda White moved: *To approve the minutes of September 6, 2018 as amended.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly expense report.
- 2. NHPDIP (NH Public Deposit Investment Pool)** - Conservation Fund Account Statement (Balance \$106,138.62).
- 3. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)** – Notice of Annual meeting on November 3, 2018. It was noted that one of the workshops was about ATV's. Sign up by October 14th for reduced \$60.00 rate.

4. **Franklin Pierce Lake Association** – An e-mail was received reporting that Lake Hosts inspected a total of 525 boats for invasive species and educated 970 boaters about the importance of cleaning, draining, and drying their boats between uses this season.
5. **Joe Schmidt, Wetlands Specialist; for John and Patricia Munsey** – Jahado Trail (M 5, L 33). Additional Information / Response to Comments. John Segedy will scan and circulate so Commissioners can review.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Easement and Property Monitoring / Scheduling -**
Reminder for those Commissioners walking the PSNH and Partners Farm Easements on October 13th at 9:00 and the Olivia Smith Easement on October 20th at 9:00.
2. **ATV Trails –**
Linda White reported she has reached out to Barbara Richter at the NHACC; The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF); Conservation Commissions of nearby towns including Henniker, Bradford, Washington, Antrim, Greenfield, Peterborough and Pittsfield.; and Fox State Forest. She reported she is also keeping updated regarding groups meeting up north and locally. She said that issues of concern that have been raised include safety, underage riders, road damage, noise and dust. She had a link to an ordinance that Milford has regarding ATV use on Conservation Property. It was noted that while that ordinance was for use on conservation land, some of the provisions might be helpful as suggested methods for protecting natural resources near trails.
Richard Head suggested researching ATV traffic from the other towns. John Segedy noted that Henniker's would be especially helpful.
Roger Shamel provided copies of a publication from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources about evaluating potential ATV trails. He noted a list of questions in the paper that were suggested be answered about this proposal. He read through some of the questions, mentioning slopes, maintenance, sensitive wildlife habitat, wetlands and stream crossings. He also mentioned You Tube videos of ATV use in Hillsborough.
Richard said he would reach out to DES as well as NH Fish and Game. He reported he had spoken to Jeff Littleton who worked with the HCC on the natural resource inventory and Rick Van de Poll, a wetland scientist. Mr. Van de Poll suggested the primary issue he has seen is the effect on wildlife. His rate is \$85 / hour. Richard Head suggested contracting with Mr. Van de Poll to inspect the proposed route and make observations, with a cap of \$3,500.00.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Chair Head to contract with Rick Van de Poll to inspect the proposed Trail Route and provide a report with suggestions at a rate of \$85/hour with a cap of \$3500.00.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Richard Head asked if the HCC had received the GIS data for the NRI maps. John Segedy said he would look for it.

John Segedy said he had concerns about the Scenic Road issue. He noted there was a workshop coming up about Roads in NH he could go to get more information.

Chair Head suggested everyone should continue researching and that the topic remain on the agenda.

3. **Aquifer Ordinance** – Richard Head reported meeting with the Planning Board on September 19th with Linda White and John Segedy to discuss the proposed Aquifer Ordinance. He noted he had described the HCC's suggested changes and reasoning. He said that Planning Director Robyn Payson had compiled a new version with some of the HCC's suggestions that she passed out at the meeting. She said she would send it electronically and Chair Head said it would then be forwarded to Commissioners. The topic will be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda White moved: *To adjourn.*

Richard Head seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary