

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 04, 2018

Hillsborough Town Office

Approved Minutes

Present:

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

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary & Alternate.

Jason Bolduc, Carr-Meridian; Terry Yeaton; Peter Mellen.

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. Jason Bolduc, Case-Meridian for Tom Mitchell, Mary Rowe Drive (M 9, L 60).

Jason Bolduc addressed the HCC on an application for a Wetland Permit to ask for the HCC to endorse expedited review by NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services). He described the project as a driveway to access the rear of the property in order to park a trailer. Mr. Bolduc said that there would be 865 square feet of permanently disturbed wetland and another 260 square feet temporarily disturbed. He showed the location of siltation fencing, the 15" culvert and an "old woods road" on the plan.

In answer to a question about living in the trailer he said that it would only be used for storage at this time.

Roger Shamel said that the property was bought presumably knowing about the wetlands and questioned why he (the owner) would want to be allowed to disturb it.

John Segedy pointed out that he (the applicant) is trying to do the right thing by installing a culvert and not just driving on the "old road" through the wetland.

Richard Head asked if it was wet year round? Jason Bolduc answered that there was seasonal flooding.

Richard Head asked if there was flooding beyond the area delineated on the plan? Jason Bolduc answered in the negative.

Richard Head asked if the back part of the property was wet. Jason Bolduc answered not to the extent surveyed. John Segedy said that he believed the properties on Mary Rowe Drive back on a row of properties on Red Fox Crossing. He said that while the Mary Rowe properties rise up the terrain does descend along Red Fox Crossing and there is a lot of wet property on that side.

Richard Head asked why was 15" chosen for the size of the culvert? Jason Bolduc answered that he assumed the engineer just picked an average size but he wasn't the one who drew the plan. Richard asked how wide the wet area was? Jason Bolduc answered it was about thirty feet wide.

There was brief discussion of the HCC's role.

Richard Head asked if there was a motion for the HCC to sign supporting expedited review? No motion was made.

Richard Head explained that the application could then be submitted to DES review. He suggested that Jason Bolduc share the Commission's concerns with the engineer.

2. **Peter Mellen** - Partners Farm Properties & Easements” -M7, L 119. Peter addressed the HCC on his progress. He noted that the Easement monuments had been found and they had marked the boundaries with red paint blaze. He noted there was access along the stone walls as well as over the proposed roads from the abandoned subdivision. It was also noted that a lot had grown over. He also noted that the East line of the property had been surveyed in the 1970's and 1980's by his father. He showed the HCC the old work sheets from those surveys pointing out that there is also an old fence that meanders somewhat along the line but sometimes as much as 30' from the line. He asked if the Commission wanted him to mark the actual line and blaze it. The HCC discussed the options.

Linda White moved: *To authorize Peter Mellen to complete surveying the Partners Farm property and Properly blaze the East line.*

Roger Shamel seconded. Motion Passed 4-0-1 (Russ Galpin Abstained).

Peter Mellen presented a bill for the work completed to date.

Linda White moved: *To pay Peter Mellen's invoice.*

Russ Galpin seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NHDES** – 33 Moccasin Trail (M 16, L 298, 299). Shoreland Permit - Application returned due to missing information.
2. **Lawrence Lundt & Kristi Zimmerman-Lundt** – 39 Hummingbird Lane (M 17, L 219). Wetland Permit Application.
3. **Becky Brown, Berkshire Hathoway** - 6 Emerald Drive (M 16, L 52). - Wetlands application for an existing seasonal dock. John Segedy noted there was no plan accompanying the application. It appeared that the applicant was seeking the HCC's consent for expedited review. Consensus was not to sign for expedited review. John Segedy will contact the applicant to notify her she can pick-up her application at the Town Office.

MINUTES

1. **September 20, 2018**

Roger Shamel moved: *To approve the minutes of September 20, 2018 as presented.*

Linda White seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Russ Galpin abstained).

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. John Segedy will notice the dates as meetings.
2. **ATV Trails** – It was reported by John Segedy that he had checked with the Town Office and the ATV Club's proposed plan had not yet been provided. There was discussion of the effect that might have on preparing any information the Commission might want to provide. It was noted there was only one more HCC meeting scheduled before the Hearing that the Selectboard had scheduled for October 27th. It was suggested that an

extra meeting could be held on October 25th.

Richard Head talked about following up with NHDES. He will also follow up with DRED as they have authority over Farrar Marsh and Low State Forest.

John Segedy spoke of the Workshop about roads that he had attended. He said he had gotten a good overview of Scenic Roads, Class V & Class VI roads. He noted that when he asked about the concept that opening up roads to ATV use was a change of use that might require NHDES approval where wetlands are impacted was met with that would be a question for DES.

Roger Shamel discussed information he had obtained about not having ATV trails on slopes greater than 11% (Wisconsin) or 20% (NH) and noted he had measured some areas of Dean Hill Road and Concord End Road which were sloped greater than 30%. Richard Head asked what were the environmental effects? Roger Shamel said that the effect was erosion and runoff into streams.

Linda White reported on the replies she had received from other nearby towns. Copies were forward to the Commissioners.

Peter Mellen mentioned that he thought some of the roads originally approved in Henniker had been removed.

Richard Head asked if anyone wanted to start compiling info into a summary packet.

Roger Shamel said he would work on it.

- 3. Aquifer Ordinance** – Richard Head reported that he, Linda White and John Segedy had attended the Planning Board meeting on September 19th. He reported that the planning director had created a new version of the ordinance incorporating some but not all of the suggestions that the Commission had made. Richard Head said he had spoken about the changes the HCC had made but was unable to comment on the newest version having just received it. They had requested the Commission review the latest version and also to work on a section that would distinguish manufacturing that doesn't use chemicals from those that do.

Roger Shamel noted that many manufacturers produce chemical effluents.

After discussion Richard Head suggested and the HCC agreed he would send to the Planning Board the following statement: “The allowance for manufacturing, processing and warehousing as a conditional use be limited to those uses that do not result in discharges to the ground or groundwater.”

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Shamel moved: *To adjourn.*

Russ Galpin seconded. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy

Recording Secretary

Approved October 18, 2018