

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 2008

Approved April 2, 2008

Present: Tom Dufresne, Richard Brown, Lynne Simonfy, Thom Davies, Lloyd Deenik, Gary Flaherty, Raymond Lindsay, Marielle F. - HBHS Green Group, Connie Cain-Staff

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

T. Dufresne has received a copy of the dredge and fill permit from the NH State DOT. They will be replacing the culvert on Depot Road at Sucker Brook (north of Twiss Lane), beginning April 8, 2008.

T. Dufresne spoke with Gerry Coffey regarding the USDA Farmland and Ranch Grant; the grant expires September 2008. G. Coffey is working on various projects to utilize these monies and will contact T. Dufresne when the details have been worked out.

Holly Green from the NHDES has been in contact with T. Dufresne. She is looking for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 monitoring information as well as copies of the deeds for the Glover and Gardner properties. T. Dufresne has the 2006 and 2007 reports; L. Simonfy will locate the 2005 report; C. Cain will get copies of the deeds for T. Dufresne to submit with the reports.

Jared Noel of the Hollis Boy Scouts would like to cut some trails on property in the Forest View Drive area for his Eagle project. T. Dufresne feels that this is a sizeable job, and wanted to get the members view of the project and approval. The area would run from the conservation land to Forest View Drive. Members in favor, but would like to see plan.

R. Brown attended the February 28, 2008 NRPC workshop on Shoreland Protection. Processes of allowable cutting and other new regulations were discussed. R. Brown received copies of the present regulations and the new regulations, effective April 1, 2008. He will give to Cathy Hoffman to place on file.

T. Dufresne stated that Peter Baker of the Land Stewardship subcommittee will be attending the next HCC meeting. T. Dufresne would like members to give P. Baker a list of what should/could be done on HCC properties, such as trails, wildlife habitat preservation, etc. T. Davies felt that each property should be reviewed for potential use. L. Simonfy suggested creating a list of what each property could be used for, as well as restrictions; there are a lot of small properties. G. Flaherty suggested looking at the NH Natural Resource database to find out if any endangered species etc. have been reported on the properties. He explained that if nothing has been reported, there is no fee; but if anything has been reported, the fee would be \$25.00 per property. T. Dufresne approved, and G. Flaherty will submit bill for those reports he is able to access.

T. Dufresne asked if members wanted Craig Birch to work on remarking boundaries this year. C. Birch did not perform any work last year, but had in 2006 and prior. T. Dufresne believed that between \$500 and \$1000 was paid in prior years to perform work. T. Dufresne would like to get him started again as soon as possible, starting on Rideout Road, as there appears to be a paddock that extends from private property onto Conservation Land. T. Dufresne will have C. Birch attend next meeting to discuss work to be done with members.

T. Davies felt that the HCC should be placing signage to indicate HCC property on the parcels. T. Dufresne stated that the DRED properties still needed signage, as required by their regulations. DRED has provided signage for those properties, the HCC would need to purchase signs for any other property. Discussion of types of signage needs to be freestanding. T. Davies felt that if properties had signs, it would prevent some activities on the properties, such as illegal dumping. L. Simonfy felt that signage would also advertise the HCC and how tax money was used to purchase certain properties so that taxpayers would see how their tax dollars were spent. T. Dufresne stated members would discuss further at April 2, 2008 meeting, and also discuss placing signage on DRED properties.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Green Day Road Clean-up*

T. Dufresne has spoken to Joan DeSopo and Becky Crowther of the DPW about disposing of trash accumulated during the event; not a problem bringing to the Transfer Station, but Becky Crowther asked that if not all the bags were brought to the Transfer Station, the DPW could be notified the street location so they could be picked up as soon as possible after the event. T. Davies also spoke to Jeff Babel, DPW Director, who will be ordering roadside pickup bags for the event. Jeff Babel also informed T. Davies that if a certain amount of hours were spent on such projects, the Town would be to receive flower bulbs or trees for planting in the community at no fee from the State. T. Davies also communicated with the Boy & Cub Scouts; unfortunately they will not be available to assist in the clean-up due to a prior commitment. He had also contacted Thelma Pollock of the Girl Scouts, who asked him to speak with Marielle F. regarding Girl Scout involvement. Marielle will discuss it with the troop at their next meeting. L. Simonfy added she has spoken to the David Roth of the Hollis Brookline Rotary, and that the Rotary and the HBHS Interact Group (the Rotary's high school group) would be participating in the event.

Discussion regarding set-up of the tent and staging area. Members agreed that the best place for staging would be the front parking lot, so that participants would be able to find the area easily. G. Flaherty asked about supplying gloves for those that forgot to bring their own; T. Davies and T. Dufresne thought there were some gloves left over from last year, they will attempt to locate or purchase new. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

### *Siergiewicz Subdivision – Conservation Lot*

T. Dufresne has contacted Michael Fontaine, attorney at law, regarding deed and other legal matters for the transfer of the lot to the HCC. He should have further information by the next meeting date.

## **MINUTES**

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public minutes of March 5, 2008 as written; seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public minutes of March 5, 2008 as written; seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn; seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cain, Staff