

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 5, 2008

Approved March 19, 2008

Present: Tom Dufresne, Richard Brown, Susan Durham, Cathy Hoffman, Thomas Davies, Lloyd Deenik, Carl Hills, Gary Flaherty, Raymond Lindsay, Connie Cain-Staff

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

T. Dufresne appointed G. Flaherty to vote in the absence of Lynne Simonfy.

BOARDS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING BOARD – Cathy Hoffman

The Planning Board met on March 4, 2008. C. Hoffman stated that there was not much ongoing, however, there are 9 amendments to ordinances proposed for the Town Warrant. Most items are for clarification of present ordinances, but there were two she wished to bring to the attention of the HCC. One was for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), more commonly referred to as in-law apartments. The proposed change in the ordinance would reflect that all new ADU's must have a shared, heated wall between the ADU and the main house. C. Hoffman did not recommend voting for this change. The other was for a proposed change in the Historic District Commission ordinance; to remove the existing one and replace in it's entirety. C. Hoffman recommended voting in the affirmative for this item, as it would clarify and outline the HDC ordinance more than the present ordinance.

The Planning Board also reviewed the following:

- An application for a Riding Academy for property at Depot and Rideout Roads; this would be a small operation;
- Flint Rock Corp. subdivision on West Hollis Road – they are waiting to schedule a date for the site walk. C. Hoffman will inform the HCC when this is scheduled.

LAND PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE – Thomas Davies

The Hills property easement was finalized during the week of February 25-March 1, the total amount due from the HCC was \$52,922.49. Troy Brown, Town Administrator, had given T. Dufresne the settlement statement from closing, however, it was not clear if Meridian's costs were included in the statement. T. Dufresne will check with Troy Brown and update the HCC at the next meeting if necessary.

Motion made by T. Dufresne to move into non-public session to discuss a possible land acquisition; seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The HCC moved into non-public session at 7:15 pm.

Motion made by T. Dufresne to come out of non-public session, seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Removed from non-public session at 7:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Thomas Davies

As of March 5, 2008, the balance of accounts was \$591,344.66; with \$551,344.66 available as cash, and \$40,000 held in reserve for legal and Flint Pond. This reflects the balances after the Hills property transaction. T. Dufresne noted that the Flint Pond reserve of \$30,000 is down \$898.00 (balance \$29,102) to cover the costs for the chemical testing recently performed by ChemServe.

OLD BUSINESS

Siergiewicz Conservation Lot, South Merrimack Road

T. Dufresne has been in communication with the Siergiewicz family regarding the "Conservation Lot" as shown on the subdivision plan pending with the Planning Board. The Siergiewicz's have decided to gift the lot to the HCC, if the HCC will pay the legal and recording fees. The only other concession is that the HCC place a sign on the property, similar to the one erected on the Gelazauskas property gifted to the Town a few years ago. All members agreed that the placement of a sign stating "Siergiewicz Preserve" or other such wording would be appropriate.

Motion made by T. Davies to accept the gift and expend up to \$2000 to cover legal and recording fees; seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Earth Day Planning

T. Dufresne informed the HCC that Lynne Simonfy has been working with the HBHS Green Group to arrange the use of the High School parking lot as a staging area for Earth Day, as the Lawrence Barn is not available that day. T. Davies will contact the Police Dept. and other organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, regarding the plans for the event. T. Dufresne will speak to Joanie DeSopo at the Transfer Station about collecting and dropping off any waste picked up on the date. L. Simonfy and the HBHS Green Group will be working on publicity. T. Davies stated that the road assignments need to be worked on prior to the date, to make assigning road cleanup easier for the organizers and participants.

NEW BUSINESS

T. Dufresne stated that the Marbled Salamander Study will be occurring again this year, site and date to be set. Brendan Clifford from NH Fish & Game is looking for volunteers to assist with the study; this entails going into the site in the late evening hours and observing vernal pools for the salamander larvae. T. Dufresne, along with Gerry & Gail Coffey, participated in the study last year.

T. Dufresne regretfully announced the resignation of Jim Oehler from the HCC. J. Oehler's work has increased to the point where he finds that he does not have the time to commit to being an active member of the HCC; although he said he would be available as a consultant. The HCC thanked Jim for all his work for the HCC in the past, and wishes him well in his web designing business.

MINUTES

Review of minutes of public and non-public meeting on February 20, 2008; motion made to approve minutes as written by T. Dufresne, seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Dufresne to adjourn, seconded by R. Brown. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cain
Staff