

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

April 15, 2009

Rough Draft

Present: Tom Dufresne, Susan Durham, Richard Brown, Thom Davies, Cathy Hoffman, Gary Flaherty,  
Connie Cain – Staff

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### *BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Cathy Hoffman*

C. Hoffman reported that Lynne Simonfy was reappointed to the HCC; G. Flaherty was confirmed and appointed as a regular member. There will be no BOS representative to the HCC this year; C. Hoffman will act as liaison if necessary.

No Treasurer's Report at meeting date.

No Planning Board update; the Planning Board has cancelled their April 21, 2009 meeting due to lack of items on the agenda.

No Land Study Protection update; nothing new ongoing.

## **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

T. Dufresne motioned that the HCC adjourn to non-public session to discuss a potential land purchase; seconded by G. Flaherty. All members were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried, and the HCC adjourned to non-public session at 7:25 pm.

T. Dufresne motioned that the HCC return to public session; seconded by R. Brown. All members were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried, and the HCC returned to public session at 7:27 pm.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

C. Cain explained that a timber cut had occurred on the Mendelssohn Drive open space lot, 037-032. The cut was performed without permission of the Homeowners Association by one of the residents. The Association is concerned that there might be some wetlands on the property, and have asked the Town if they could inspect the property before any restoration occurs. T. Dufresne and G. Flaherty will contact Association representative and inspect. (NOTE: T. Dufresne and G. Flaherty inspected the property on April 16, 2009, and found no areas of concern.)

C. Cain also informed the HCC that a property owner was considering creating an ATV/RV track on his property at 046-027. She had received several calls from neighboring property owners who had some concerns that the track would endanger wetlands and animal habitat in the area. The property owner has filed for a wetlands crossing permit to DES, and stated to the Assessing Office that he wanted to utilize an existing trail for the ATV/RV use. C. Cain was bringing to the HCC's attention due to vernal pools and wetlands on an abutting property. T. Dufresne and G. Flaherty will contact the owner to arrange an inspection of the area concerned, and report back.

## *ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP – Thom Davies*

April 25<sup>th</sup> is the date of the annual Roadside Clean-up, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Volunteers and participants will meet at the HBHS front parking lot for assignments and to pick up bags. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the HCC has sponsored the event, with continuing support from the HBHS Green Group and the Hollis Boy and Girl Scouts.

T. Davies has bags for trash, and the banner. T. Dufresne has the tent. C. Hoffman will get street maps for participants. T. Dufresne will contact Jeff Babel, DPW Director, regarding trash pick-up. Janie DeSopo from the Transfer Station has asked that a tire count be taken when these are brought to the transfer station. There have been significant amounts of tires removed from Town roads and properties in the past several years.

Discussion of South Merrimack Road. Safety continues to be an issue; neither Scout group will be assigned to this road, and participants will be told to walk against the traffic. Suggestion made to contact Jeff Babel for possible signage at either end of South Merrimack Road, so that drivers will be aware of activity on the road; T. Dufresne will contact him. It was also felt that South Merrimack Road should be split into segments, so that one group does not get overwhelmed with the entire road. Assignments will be worked out prior to the date.

T. Dufresne suggested that the Green Group be approached to clean-up Hartwell's property on the Nashua River again. They did a fantastic job in the past, but the litter and garbage is piling up again. He also suggested that Duncklee Pond needed attention; it would make a good Eagle Scout project if the HCC is approached again.

All participating HCC members should meet at the front HBHS parking lot at 8:00 am to set-up. Refreshments will not be available; it was felt that most people brought their own drinks, etc., and it wasn't necessary to provide.

### **MINUTES**

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the April 1, 2009 public meeting minutes as written; seconded by G. Flaherty. All members in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the April 1, 2009 non-public meeting minutes as written and to keep them sealed; seconded by R. Brown. All members in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by T. Dufresne; seconded by T. Davies. All members in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cain  
Staff