

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

April 16, 2008

Approved May 7, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. S. Durham appointed G. Flaherty to vote in the absence of Tom Dufresne

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman

The Planning Board convened a site walk at the Flint Rock Corp. subdivision site on West Hollis Road at 5:30 on April 15, 2008. An engineer from Meridian was in attendance; they followed the centerline of the proposed street, and viewed the vernal pools. C. Hoffman did not see any evidence of wildlife, however, the buffers were well kept and clearly marked. There will be approximately 20 lots, with some of those having duplexes. Approximately 40% of site will be open space with a private trail for owners of the subdivision.

On April 28, 2008 at 6:00 pm, the NH Dept. of Transportation will be holding a public informational meeting for the culvert replacement on Depot Road at Sucker Brook. This meeting will be held jointly with the public portion of the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Land Protection Study Committee – Thom Davies

The LPSC are in the process of holding meetings to speak with farmers on what their wishes are relative to the LPSC. The LPSC feels it's important to get the farmers' viewpoints on preserving agricultural land and how the LPSC can best serve the public in this endeavor.

Treasurer's Report - Thom Davies

As of April 7, 2008, there is a balance of \$538,194.17, of which \$40,000 is in reserve for Flint's Pond and stewardship; the remaining balance of \$498,194.17 is available as cash.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

On April 30, 2008, the Hillsborough County Conservation District will present "Importance of Pollinators". This will be held at the Milford Town Hall from 6.30 to 9.30 pm. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 25, 2008.

On May 19, 2008, the Department of Environmental Services will host "Annual Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop 2008", sponsored by the American Ground Water Trust. This is an all day event, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the New Hampshire Technical Institute, Sweeney Auditorium in Concord, NH. Signup and registration information can be found at <http://www.agwt.org/workshops.htm>

EARTH DAY PLANNING

T. Davies is anticipating that there will be 50-70 participants this year. Set up will be in the HBHS front parking lot; T. Davies would like HCC members there at 8:00 am to assist with tent set-up, etc. Christine McQuilkin of the Hollis Cub Scouts will be participating with her troop; T. Davies would like to give them a low traffic area, such as the HBHS parking lots or Monument Square. Some Boy Scouts may also be participating.

T. Davies will have a small number of gloves available for those that forget to bring theirs. Safety is always an issue, T. Davies will have copies of the safety instructions available for handout. Sign in sheets will also be utilized; will be asking for name, phone number and email address. Town Hall staff will provide road maps; discussion over which roads were in most need of cleanup.

T. Davies also felt that sorting and rinsing of recyclables should be done prior to the debris being taken to the Transfer Station, he will have some tarps and wash tubs available, but if members have any they can bring, to please do so. Water will need to be brought to site for rinsing, some discussion over best way to handle, T. Davies will find out if there are any taps at the school that can be used.

T. Davies has also spoken with Eileen at the UCC regarding the Garden Club, in the event that this event puts Hollis in line to receive bulbs and/or trees. Some discussion of what would qualify Hollis for these.

OTHER BUSINESS

G. Flaherty spoke with Sarah Carnes at the NH Wildlife Bureau; he has been working on obtaining data on whether or not endangered species are on Conservation land. G. Flaherty was told that if the Town can overlay the data, via GIS, on the Town maps, the HCC will not be charged for the service; currently it is \$25.00 per request. G. Flaherty and C. Hoffman will be working on this to see if feasible.

S. Durham asked G. Flaherty about sign samples; these will need to be ordered for wetland areas and conservation land. G. Flaherty will attempt to obtain and bring in for next meeting. R. Brown had also asked Joanie DeSopo at the Transfer Station to hang on to any metal sign posts that might be received there, so that the HCC can utilize for sign placement.

MINUTES

Motion made by R. Brown to accept the minutes of meeting April 2, 2008; seconded by S. Durham. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Davies to adjourn; seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cain
Staff