

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

May 7, 2008

Approved May 21, 2008

Present: Ray Lindsay, Tom Dufresne, Richard Brown, Thom Davies, Gary Flaherty, Cathy Hoffman, Peter Baker, Selectmen's Representative Mark Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. G. Flaherty to vote in the absence of Lynne Simonfy and Ray Lindsay to vote in absence of Sue Durham

DREDGE AND FILL APPLICATION –108 DEPOT RD

T. Dufresne explained that this application disturbs 700 sq. ft. of wetland to allow for driveway access to a proposed house lot. He stated that he has looked at the area and sees no issues. He signed the application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Dufresne moved and R. Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the April 16th minutes, as submitted. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Land Stewardship Sub-committee (LSCC)

P. Baker informed the HCC that the LSCC would be walking the boundaries, taking photos, verifying deeds and monitoring the two Hall properties on Dow and Blood Roads. A site walk of the Dow Road property has been scheduled for 9 AM on Saturday May 19th. A site walk of the Blood Road property is scheduled for 9AM on Monday May 19th.

Treasurer's Report - Thom Davies

As of May 5, 2008, there is a balance of \$538,508.46, of which \$40,000 is in reserve for Flint's Pond and stewardship; the remaining balance of \$499,396.46 is available as cash.

Selectmen-Mark Johnson -No report

Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman -No report

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Moved by T. Dufresne, seconded by T. Davies that the HCC enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3.II.(d) for the consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property. Voting in favor were Lindsay, Dufresne, Brown, Davies, Flaherty, Hoffman, and Johnson. No one was opposed.

The HCC entered non-public session at 7:14PM with Land Protection Study Committee (LPSC) Chairman Gerry Gartner and Jerry Coffey, who represented the Nichols-Smith Conservation Land Trust (N-SCLT)

CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Moved by T. Dufresne, seconded by T. Davies that the HCC seal the minutes and come out of non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3.II.(d). Voting in favor were Lindsay, Dufresne, Brown, Davies, Flaherty, Hoffman, and Johnson. No one was opposed.

The HCC came out of non-public session and entered public session at 8:20PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

Earth Day Report-Thom Davies

T. Davies informed the HCC that 90 bags of trash were collected during the April 19th roadside clean up. This equates to three truckloads. Two tires were found and turned in to the transfer station as well as approximately 200 pounds of steel. Aluminum, plastic and glass were sorted and recycled. There were 85 participants, which included members of the HCC, the Interact Club, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, members of the Green Group and interested citizens. This information will be sent to Lynne Simonfy for publicity.

For our efforts we have our choice of either 800 daffodil bulbs or 2 elm trees from Litter Free New Hampshire. Consensus was to accept the elm trees.

For next year, sign up will take place at the transfer station. G. Flaherty submitted photos that he took during the event. C. Hoffman stated that she also had taken photos of one of the trucks loaded with trash.

Incursions onto Conservation Lands

HCC members discussed a potential incursion by a property owner on Wright Road into the Rideout conservation land. T. Dufresne stated that the Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Gagnon and Reggie Ouellete inspected the property and noted that the tree cutting took place several years ago. The only verifiable incursion was the small metal corral that appears to intrude on the boundary. C. Hoffman, an abutter to the property, recommended that the HCC verify the boundary before pursuing the matter further. T. Dufresne questioned the cost to have the line surveyed.

Conservation Land and Wetland Buffer Boundary Markers

G. Flaherty presented examples of boundary markers that could be placed to delineate non-disturbance areas, wetland buffers and conservation land. HCC members agreed to purchase these markers and sell them to developers, who are required by the Planning Board to mark these areas within new developments. G. Flaherty will get a price for the markers.

Moved by T. Dufresne, seconded by T. Davies that the HCC authorize G. Flaherty to purchase 250 signs. Voting in favor were Lindsay, Dufresne, Brown, Davies, Flaherty, Hoffman, and Johnson. No one was opposed.

Vernal Pool Criteria-Gary Flaherty

G. Flaherty updated the HCC on recent hearings at the NHDES Wetlands Bureau. He stated that the new definition of vernal pool has been adopted and went into effect on April 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Dufresne to adjourn; seconded by R. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman