

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

September 17, 2008

Approved October 15, 2008

Present: Tom Dufresne, Susan Durham, Cathy Hoffman, Thom Davies, Ray Lindsay,
Connie Cain – Staff

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. R. Lindsay was appointed to vote in the absence of Lynne Simonfy.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board of Selectmen

No representative from the BOS has been assigned to the HCC as of this date.

Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman

- White Family Ventures LLC, Depot Rd, site walk. The site walk took place on Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm. This property contains a gravel pit/soil storage area. The general opinion was that the site is clean, with silt fencing and silt basin on site. The biggest concern at the moment is that one of the abutters works the night shift, and due to the noise created during the day, this is causing issues. The owner of the property is aware of this, and is trying to shift the onsite work to another area of the property where the noise may not be so obtrusive. The site plan is conceptual at this time; he will be coming back to the PB with a final site plan at a later date.
- Doug Orde, Depot Rd, Gravel Operation. Abutters are complaining about noise from the site (different than the White Family Ventures site). The operation appears to be bigger than the original site plan allows. Both the Building Department and Planning Board are working with him to have a new site plan submitted to the PB for review. The property has some grandfathering since the gravel pit has been there since at least 1971, but he has expanded the operation beyond the grandfathered area.
- Colby Buzzell, Federal Hill & Hayden Rds., Lot Line Relocation was approved.

LAND PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE & TREASURER'S REPORT – Thom Davies

No updates as of meeting date.

NASHUA AIRPORT MITIGATION

T. Dufresne stated that Peter Baker had sent him a list of properties that might be eligible for the mitigation program. HCC Members agreed that the properties listed had a high priority. Members need to prioritize the list, and contact owners to see if they would be willing to sell or have easement placed. T. Davies suggested that owners be informed that if there were to be any complications in the sale, the property would not be eligible for purchase under the mitigation program.

The properties were discussed, and 5 of those properties were chosen as high priority under the mitigation program. T. Dufresne has already spoken to one of the owners, and will contact the others to find out if they are willing to participate. (Properties are not specifically mentioned in the minutes, due to discussion relating to possible land acquisition.)

OLD HOME DAYS FOLLOW-UP

T. Davies reported that the booth was in a good location, and that members had focused on both mercury and hazardous waste disposal. S. Durham stated that there had been numerous visitors to the booth, with a steady flow of people requesting different types of information. C. Hoffman felt that it was good to know that townspeople were interested in septic information; along with what they could do to protect the environment.

OTHER BUSINESS

T. Davies received today 600 of the 800 daffodil bulbs, due the HCC from the State in relation to the Roadside Clean-up. After discussion, half of these will go to the Hollis Garden Club and Joannie DeSopo for planting at town facilities and schools; the other half to go to the Boy Scouts for badge related activities.

T. Dufresne received an invoice from the Nashua River Watershed Association for dues. In the past, this amount has been \$50.00. They are now asking members to voluntarily pay \$100, however, membership dues are still \$50.00. T. Dufresne asked members if they wanted to pay the higher amount, consensus was not to pay the higher amount and continue paying the \$50.00 annual amount required.

S. Durham stated that she had received communications from Steven Walker of the LCHIP program. Under the program requirements, he must inspect properties purchased with LCHIP funds every 4 years, and he will be performing a site walk of the Rideout Property in the near future; S. Durham will email once the date has been set.

MINUTES

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public minutes of the meeting held September 3, 2008; seconded by S. Durham. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public minutes of the meeting, with the corrections sent to C. Cain earlier that day, and to keep them sealed; seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Davies motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by C. Hoffman. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cain
Staff