

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

June 2, 2021

Approved June 16, 2021

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Mark Post, Paul Edmunds, Jonathan Bruneau, Joe Connelly;
Alternate Members: Laura Bianco, James Plummer, David Werner.
Staff: Connie Cain

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no updates at meeting time. The Treasurer's Report should be available for the June 16, 2021 meeting.

HOLLIS WETLAND BUFFER/SURFACE WATER ENCROACHMENT WAIVERS DRAFT

T. Dufresne felt that the draft document was well written, but would like to have Planning Board review before asking members to vote on the document. He felt there should be a reference to climate change and the reconstruction of buildings. He does not want the Town to be responsible if flooding occurs in a structure after the original was demolished and a new house built on site after a waiver is granted. J. Bruneau felt that some latitude was worked into the draft language. He felt the HCC should be reviewing these waiver requests a little more thoroughly for local issues that the State may not be aware of. M. Post asked if the goal was to be able to share these guidelines with the public in its final form; yes. It could be put on the website or given to applicants.

T. Dufresne will speak with Planning Board staff to ask them to review and make any recommendations before asking the HCC to make a formal vote. J. Garruba requested a copy of the document; T. Dufresne stated that as it was still in draft form, he would have to respectfully decline the request at this time.

ROGERS PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be on June 16, 2021 at the beginning of the regular public meeting. T. Dufresne informed members that the write-up on the Town website will be updated with some additional information not previously received and should be up tomorrow.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXPENDITURES

Meridian Land Services had submitted a bill for surveying on a property under consideration for purchase. At the May 19, 2021 meeting, T. Dufresne had erroneously given the amount as \$2600; the actual bill is for \$2300. No additional vote is necessary.

A bill from Town Atty. Christopher Drescher was received in the amount of \$164.00. T. Dufresne explained that this was in regards to Woodmont West, and in addition to previously approved expenditures to determine if the current leaseholder could withdraw water from Silver Lake in the future.

J. Bruneau made the motion to expend funds in the amount of \$164.00 to pay Atty. Christopher Drescher for the legal fees incurred in the described activity, seconded by M. Post. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Dufresne explained that the Town Administrator has requested that the HCC approve an expenditure to place a stone boundary marker between the Stefanowicz Farm property and an abutter. Meridian Land Services will place the marker, with the total cost being \$250.00. The placement of the marker will clarify the boundary on both sides.

T. Dufresne motioned to expend funds in the amount of \$250.00 to pay for the boundary marker and placement, as requested by the Town Administrator; seconded by M. Post. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Dufresne has received a bill from the Nashua Telegraph for the June 16, 2021 publishing of the Rogers Public Hearing Notice in the amount of \$124.80. This was published in the May 30, 2021 edition of the Telegraph.

P. Edmunds motioned to expend funds in the amount of \$124.80 for the publishing of the Public Hearing Notice in the Nashua Telegraph; seconded by T. Dufresne. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

2021 HAZARDOUS WASTE DATES

Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has published their 2021 dates for hazardous waste drop-off. The location is 25 Crown Street in Nashua, with the next date being Thursday, June 3rd from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The flyer will be posted in Town Hollis and emailed to members.

STEFANOWICZ FARM HCC & AG-COM JOINT WORKING GROUP SUBCOMMITTEE

A Right-to-Know request was made by an abutter of the Stefanowicz Farm for all non-public minutes that dealt with the purchase and subsequent agricultural lease. As the subcommittee consisted of members of both the HCC and the Agricultural Commission, a vote needs to be taken by both commissions prior to the release of non-public minutes. M. Post stated that the Agricultural Commission will be voting on the matter at next week's meeting. J. Bruneau, who represented the HCC on the subcommittee, has not been able to finish his review of the non-public minutes, as he has had them for less than a day. Both Commissions can vote to keep sealed and not release, to release with redactions, or to release entirely. The HCC will vote on the release at the June 16, 2021 meeting after the review is completed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to enter into Non-Public session to discuss potential land acquisition under RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by T. Davies. T. Dufresne polled the members, all those present voted to enter into Non-Public session by a vote of 9-0-0. The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at 7:27 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to release, seconded by J. Bruneau. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 9-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 8:15 pm.

PUBLIC SESSION CONTINUED

ROGERS PROPERTY ON ROCKY POND ROAD

T. Dufresne stated that Brandon Rackliffe of Beaver Brook Association was able to meet interested HCC members on either Monday, June 7th or Wednesday, June 9th at 4:00 pm to conduct a site inspection. Members felt that Wednesday, June 9th would be the better of the two days. T. Dufresne will contact Mr. Rackliffe and arrange a meeting place.

STEFANOWICZ FARM PUBLIC ACCESS

A brief discussion ensued about the proposed Stefanowicz Farm public access and parking area; J. Bruneau felt that the entrance could be located further south from the proposed entrance. This would alleviate some concerns, such as site distance and traffic visibility. It was stated that the agricultural vehicle access would need to be enlarged to accommodate timber harvesting vehicles, but still needed to be engineered. Brookdale Fruit Farm is working with the NRCS as part of the lease requirements. Erosion issues and wet areas were also touched on, but will be dependent on the NRCS plan.

MINUTES

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting, and to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the public minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting with minor revisions; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting with minor revisions, and to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Davies motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by P. Edmunds. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried by a vote of 9-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cain
Staff