

Hollis Conservation Commission
Minutes of Public Meeting
March 16, 2022
Approved April 6, 2022

Regular members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Mark Post, Paul Edmunds, Jonathan Bruneau
Alternate members: Laura Bianco, Karen, Bridgeo, Bernadette McQuilkin
Staff: Connie Cain
Presenters: Jacob Medina, Hollis BSA Troop #12; Ken Robinson, Fieldstone Land Consultants
Public: Joe Garruba, Paul Valihura, unidentified woman

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

T. Dufresne appointed B. McQuilkin to vote in LeeAnn Wolff's absence, and L. Bianco was appointed to vote in Joseph Connelly's absence.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

Jacob Medina approached the board with a proposition to move the town clean up to April 30th so that there would be more involvement especially with students. He also suggested that the cleanup take place from 9 am to 3 pm to allow for more people to help. J. Medina commented that he had set up Sign Up Geniniuses for easy town involvement. He also passed out examples of printed advertisements.

Thom Davies remarked at what an excellent a job Jacob Medina has been doing.

T. Davies made a motion to make April 30, 2022 the roadside cleanup day. C. Cain amended the motion to be if this date works with the town calendar; seconded by J. Bruneau. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, J. Bruneau, T. Davies, M. Post, P. Edmunds, L. Bianco and B. McQuilkin, none opposed or abstained. The motion to make April 30, 2022 the roadside cleanup day passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

EXPEDITED MINIMUM IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION, MBLU 029-004-002

Ken Robinson of Fieldstone Land Consultants approached the board with a wetlands application for a 1200 foot driveway to access the buildable portion of the property on Lorenzo Lane. It would be a Single Family Home with 1,085 sq feet of disturbance for a wetlands crossover. There are no other ways to access the building than through the wetlands.

J. Bruneau made the point that a replication of the wetlands might be in order. T. Davies asked about the possibility of a replication. K. Robinson responded that it would not likely be on the property itself, as they will be imbedding an 18 inch plastic culvert.

Discussion took place on the expedited nature of the application and whether or not this application would fall under those guidelines or not, as well as the HCC being an advisory board and should send a letter to the Planning Board that reviews the habitat nature of the wetlands.

T. Dufresne suggested that the HCC send a letter to the PB to share their concerns with building on the wetlands, because B. McQuilkin brought up that this specific area where there would be construction appears to be the highest ranked habitats for wild animals in the region and state.

Discussion took place between board members on the connection between Keyes Hills and Lorenzos Lane. Additionally, the specific location of the wetlands was not provided via overlay map (habitat, contours, wetlands), which made it difficult to determine which ranking of wildlife habitat the proposed construction would impact. The Lorenzos Lane extension is part of a larger project of 27 homes (Federal Hill Estates). Consequently. When the entire subdivision is considered, the stated 1,085 sq. feet of disturbance would probably be greater.

K. Robinson remarked that the current application was already approved by the PB and that this wetlands application was solely for the state application. If the HCC doesn't approve this tonight, he will submit Minimum Impact, which doesn't require HCC signature.

58 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

59 J. Garruba suggested that the HCC write their letter to the state instead of the PB, because the PB had already accepted
60 the application and the state is the only one who would have the authority to change that. T. Dufresne commented
61 that he would write the letter.

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63 Paul Valihura spoke in favor of the writing a letter. He added that there were several points in the permit that need
64 to be put in the details more clearly, especially in reference to: alternatives, pre and post construction and showing
65 that this is the least amount of damage to the wetland area. P. Valihura commented the HCC needs to be very careful
66 with their words in that letter because they set a precedent.

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68 **COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

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70 *Treasurers Report – Thom Davies*

71 There is currently 1.955 million in the treasury as of February 28, 2022. This does not include recent acquisitions.

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73 C. Cain commented that \$30,000 is being recommended for a Land Use Change Tax abatement as the owner is
74 keeping the property as agricultural land. This will reduce the fund by that amount.

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76 **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

77 *Giveaways for the Roadside Clean-Up*

78 T. Dufresne suggested that they give away daffodil bulbs as a gifts to those who clean up the most trash.

79 *J. Bruneau motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for the purchase of flower bulbs for Roadside*
80 *Clean-up participants; seconded by P. Edmunds. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, T. Davies, M. Post, P.*
81 *Edmunds, J. Bruneau, L. Bianco, and B. McQuilkin, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.*

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83 *Law Property*

84 T. Davies mentioned that Vice Chair of the Selectboard Mark Le Doux had required a warrant deed before a check
85 would be cut to the Law's for their land. Discussion took place on the deed related to the Law Property.

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87 *Trails and Signage*

88 Discussion took place on HCC properties abutting the Nashua River that could be used as a launch for canoers along
89 with the condition of trails, signs, and making sure that residents of the town aren't disturbed with trail creation or
90 recreation.

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92 **MINUTES**

93 *T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the public minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting as written;*
94 *seconded by T. Davies. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, J. Bruneau, T. Davies, M. Post, P. Edmunds, L. Bianco*
95 *and B. McQuilkin, none opposed or abstained. The motion to approve the public minutes passed by a vote of 7-*
96 *0-0.*

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98 *T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting as written and*
99 *to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by J. Bruneau. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, J. Bruneau,*
100 *T. Davies, M. Post, P. Edmunds, L. Bianco and B. McQuilkin; none opposed or abstained. The motion to approve*
101 *the non-public minutes passed by a vote of 7-0-0.*

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103 **ADJOURNMENT**

104 *M. Post motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by P. Edmunds. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, J. Bruneau,*
105 *T. Davies, M. Post, P. Edmunds, L. Bianco and B. McQuilkin, none opposed or abstained. The motion to adjourn*
106 *passed by a vote of 7-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.*

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108 Submitted Respectfully,
109 Amiee Le Doux
110 Staff