

Hollis Conservation Commission

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 20, 2022

Approved May 4, 2022

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Mark Post, Thomas Davies, Paul Edmunds, Joe Connelly, Karen Bridgeo

Alternate Members: Laura Bianco, Bernadette McQuilken

BOS Liaison: Paul Armstrong

Staff: Connie Cain, Amiee LeDoux

Attendees: Trevor Hardy for Brookdale Fruit Farm; Bill Moseley, Planning Board Chair; Selectman Tom Whalen; Town

Administrator Lori Radke; Juliana Rowland, Hollis-Brookline News Online; Peter Band-new HCC candidate; Joe Garruba

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting moved to the Town Common to discuss tree replacement plan at 7:01 pm, and returned to the Community Room at 7:17 pm.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

PLANNING BOARD UPDATES – *Bill Moseley*

There were four cases that appeared before the Planning Board (PB).

Timber Post Bed and Breakfast is still working on their site plans for an outdoor event venue and will be coming back May 17, 2022.

3 Johns Way applied for a lot line relocation and was not approved due to the irregularities in the shape of the lots. However, the PB did give an alternative solution.

Becky's Place just needed to fine tune their parameters and was approved by the PB.

60 Nartoff Road removed the forested buffer and are working on making sure the landscaping is fine tuned. A landscaping bond still needs to be submitted.

There was an application put in for a daycare center on 22 Proctor Hill Road in the front room with a playground around the back. The PB approved this application.

The 28 Ridge Road subdivision was asking for a waiver and withdrew because they were not following the 100-foot requirement set forth by the PB. They are coming back to the next PB meeting with a different waiver.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES – *Paul Armstrong*

The Selectboard is working on the lease for Pioneer Tree Service to continue using the 4 acres of land adjacent to the Transfer Station which the HCC recently purchased from Burton.

TREASURER'S REPORT – *Thom Davies*

There were no Treasurer's Reports at this time.

NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

Tree Replacement on the Common and Depot Road areas

Discussion took place on the Town Common about the various trees that would need to be replaced, removed, or maintained. There are sixteen total trees on the Town Common, six will be replaced and two will be removed. The board discussed that the reasoning behind the tree removal and or replacement is because two are invasive species, and the rest are unhealthy or dying. The rest of the trees that are staying will be pruned and maintained.

Back in the Community Room discussion continued on the maintenance of the trees. T. Dufresne shared that Kyle McCabe an Arborist with Northern Arboriculture LLC would be overseeing the project.

T. Davies asked if there would be a maintenance package along with the replacement of the trees. T. Dufresne explained that there would be fertilizer for the trees, along with water bags that would be left for the tree, but after that initial care, the responsibility would fall onto the town.

Discussion took place between P. Armstrong and T. Davies regarding the various other trees throughout town that need to be replaced.

T. Dufresne shared that K. McCabe would like to come on May 18 to answer any questions that any of the HCC members might have regarding the project. T. Dufresne also shared that all the trees that would be replacing the current ones, would be indigenous trees.

62 K. Bridgeo asked how what funds would be allotted for this and how. T. Dufresne responded that the HCC funds would
63 go be expended for the project and that there would be a public hearing.

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65 P. Edmunds asked P. Armstrong if the Selectboard had mentioned any disagreements with the current proposal for the
66 tree replacement. P. Armstrong expressed that the Selectboard was in support.

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68 K. Bridgeo asked if there were any other arborists consulted for the project. T. Dufresne answered that there were
69 several different people consulted for the project, like Morin's Landscaping, but it was decided that due to the scale of
70 the project that K. McCabe, a vetted Arborist ought to be the one to do the job.

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72 T. Dufresne tabled further discussion and voting on this project until May 18, 2022.

73 74 STEFANOWICZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

75 Trevor Hardy approached the HCC and shared that the Stefanowicz farm has not been managed properly. T. Hardy
76 explained that there would be several advantages of Brookdale overseeing the forest management throughout this
77 property. The access to Federal Funding, the usage of Brookdale's farm equipment, and access to other farm lands on
78 the property itself. The cost without Brookdale's management is estimated to be in the range of 100-120k.

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80 There would be two phases to the forest management and clean-up:

81 Phase 1 would stop the invasives on the property. This process will be three to five years. This also includes dealing
82 with erosion and digging a pond for the fire department to use as a source for water. There would be 100k from the
83 government with a 50-50 revenue and cost sharing from federal funding. The revenue would come from the logging on
84 the property and all the revenue and federal funding would go directly back into the property.

85 Phase 2 is five to seven years. This would mainly be focused on selective cutting and fixing the walking trails that go
86 through the property along with any trash clean-up from the farmers prior.

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88 T. Davies asked about where the revenue from the selective cutting would go. T. Hardy responded that it would go back
89 into the property due to the lease agreement.

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91 T. Dufresne mentioned that this would be the best opportunity for both proper management of the Stefanowicz
92 Property and the HCC having less to manage.

93 94 RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

95 LeeAnn Wolf resigned from the HCC and Karen Bridgeo has stepped up to be a regular member. T. Dufresne shared that
96 Peter Band will officially be appointed to the HCC on May 9th at the Selectboard's meeting.

97 98 ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

99 T. Davies had signs made up for the event and has gotten the electric sign from the police station to share the information
100 on the roadside clean-up.

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102 Juliana Rowland shared with the HCC that she and her group have picked up 150 bags of trash throughout the year in
103 Hollis.

104 105 BEAVERS

106 T. Dufresne explained that there were several places throughout the town on Conversation land and Town land where
107 the beavers are becoming a real problem. There are no permanent solutions for time being as T. Dufresne shared that
108 he is currently trying to compile a list of the problem spots.

109 110 TREE REMOVAL

111 T. Dufresne shared that on Worcester Mill Pond property, there was a big tree that fell down near the waterfall. It needs
112 to be removed as soon as possible. T. Dufresne asked the members to drive over their on their own time and view the
113 situation for discussion at the May 4, 2022 meeting.

114 115 BEAVER BROOK DINNER

116 K. Bridgeo shared that the Beaver Brook Association had invited the members of the HCC to join them on May 20th, 2022
117 for their Spring Dinner at the Mile Away Restaurant in Milford, NH.

118 119 MINUTES

120 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public minutes of April 6, 2022 as written; seconded by M. Post. All in favor,*
121 *none opposed or abstained; motion carried 6-0-0.*
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123 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public minutes of April 6, 2022 as written; seconded by T. Davies. All in*
124 *favor, none opposed or abstained; motion carried 6-0-0.*

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126 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

127 *T. Dufresne motioned to enter into Non-Public session to discuss potential land acquisitions under RSA 91-A:3, II*
128 *(d); seconded by J. Connelly. T. Dufresne polled the members; voting in favor were T. Dufresne, T. Davies, P.*
129 *Edmunds, M. Post, J. Connelly, and K. Bridgeo; none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried 6-0-0. The HCC*
130 *entered into Non-Public Session at 8:14 pm.*

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132 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

133 *T. Dufresne motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to*
134 *release, seconded by T. Davies. T. Dufresne polled the members; voting in favor were T. Dufresne, T. Davies, P.*
135 *Edmunds, M. Post, J. Connelly, and K. Bridgeo none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried 6-0-0. The HCC*
136 *concluded Non-Public Session at 8:46 pm.*

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138 **ADJOURNMENT**

139 *T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Connelly. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, T. Davies,*
140 *P. Edmunds, M. Post, J. Connelly, and K. Bridgeo; none opposed or abstained. The motion to adjourn passed by a*
141 *vote of 6-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.*

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143 Respectfully submitted.
144 Amiee Le Doux
145 Staff