

# Hollis Conservation Commission

Minutes of October 19, 2022

Approved November 2, 2022

Regular Members Present: Tom Dufresne, Mark Post, Joe Connelly, Karen Bridgeo, Thomas Davies  
Alternate Members Present: Laura Bianco, Bernadette McQuilkin, Peter Band, LeeAnn Wolff  
BOS Liaison: Paul Armstrong  
Staff: Connie Cain  
Guests: Bill Moseley, Planning Board Chair; Eric McIntyre and Shannon O'Neil,  
Silver Lake Improvement Association

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. T. Dufresne appointed L. Bianco to vote in the open regular member position; B. McQuilkin to vote in T. Davies absence.

T. Davies arrived at 7:05 pm.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### Planning Board – Bill Moseley

B. Moseley shared that the Doug Orde Gravel Pit was at the final application level and that they needed to file a landscape plan with restoration sheet along with three waivers that would be cut and fill, open space requirements and HOSPD.

T. Dufresne asked how large the open space lot is; B. Moseley replied that it was 13 acres.

B. Moseley noted that the PB would be meeting on the zoning ordinance proposals, surveys, and Master Plan to make sure that they were in alignment with recent Supreme Court rulings. He shared that they would be addressing sign ordinances, elderly persons housing, drainage, wetlands, and creating a 100-yard setback for the rural zone in Town.

B. McQuilkin asked a question about a drainage pipe. Bill Moseley responded that any questions could be directed to the PB via letter.

### Selectboard Updates – P. Armstrong

There were no updates at this time.

### Treasurer's Report – T. Davies

Total is \$1,150,588.84, with \$10,000 in stewardship reserve. Discussion about the steward reserve took place briefly with discussion on this topic

## **NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### Silver Lake Improvement Association - Eric McIntyre

E. McIntyre shared the history of Silver Lake and how he would like to educate the town about how to save Silver Lake from Cyanobacteria, and also address the water run off problems. He also shared that he would love to see Silver Lake belong to the Town of Hollis instead of the State.

Discussion took place on the type of bacteria that blooms in the lake along with where there are water-run-ins from surrounding topography. There was also discussion on how to get assistance from the state in testing and data.

E. McIntyre shared that he would love any collaboration, advice, or help that the HCC could provide.

Discussion took place on protecting the lake from Cyanobacteria and creating better opportunities for the town to get involved with these processes. Several HCC members recommended that E. McIntyre present this information to the Selectboard with a few suggested alterations.

Silver Lake Improvement Association members left at 7:43.

56 Law Property

57 T. Dufresne shared that he spoke with Craig Birch about doing a baseline report for the Law property. The reasoning would  
58 be to understand what is on the property currently so that in the future there could be a comparison. Craig Birch quoted  
59 between \$600-800 for the report.

60 T. Davies asked about soil samples; T. Dufresne answered that it would be specifically towards invasives, timber cuts, and  
61 how the property is being used now. M. Post pointed out that this assessment is not an agricultural assessment.

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63 T. Dufresne shared that he did not think that a baseline report would probably not be necessary on the Burton Property.

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65 Discussion took place on baseline reports on both the Burton and Law properties.

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67 *T. Davies motioned to request Craig Birch create baseline studies for both the Law property at MBLU 014-035*  
68 *and the Burton property at MBLU 017-013-001; seconded by M. Post. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post,*  
69 *J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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71 Burton Lot Warrant Article

72 T. Dufresne and P. Armstrong have been working on the Warrant Article for the Burton property. Meridian Landscaping is  
73 doing the survey of the property.

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75 J. Connelly asked if this would be valued at \$275,000. T. Dufresne replied yes.

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77 Agricultural Lease Subcommittee

78 P. Edmunds had volunteered to be on the subcommittee and T. Dufresne asked that one other person from the HCC step up  
79 to the subcommittee.

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81 Discussion took place on the purpose of the subcommittee and how that would work.

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83 P. Band volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Cheryl Quaine will be leading from the Agricultural Commission. L. Wolf  
84 shared that she would be interested in doing the minutes for the subcommittee.

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86 Farm Bureau Funding Projects

87 T. Dufresne and B. McQuilkin attended a Farm Bureau meeting and asked if the Mike Gagnon, the county forester, would  
88 be interested in doing a seminar in March at the Lawrence Barn.

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90 Winter Seminar Series

91 K. Bridgeo shared that she has put together a possible winter seminar series speaker Doug Tallamy. She shared that Nov.  
92 17 was a possible date and that his speaking fee is \$500 for a virtual speaking engagement. She also shared that she  
93 strongly recommends Doug Tallamy for a seminar because he is incredibly knowledgeable and well spoken.

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95 Discussion took place on how to advertise the seminar, if the timing would work out, and where it would take place.

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97 It was decided that they would look into starting the seminar series in January instead of November due to the time crunch.

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99 Siergiewicz Farm Mowing

100 T. Dufresne shared that the property has been treated with herbicide for bittersweet and that as time goes on the mowing of  
101 the farm would take less time and as a result would cost less. He also shared the various mowing and cutting the trees back  
102 that would need to take place on the property.

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104 Discussion took place on cutting the trees and how that would affect the habitat.

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106 T. Dufresne shared that the project would be done in two separate parts. The first being the mowing and the second being  
107 the tree and sapling removal in order to stay below the \$5000 threshold before they would have to get bids.

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109 *M. Post motioned to approve the expenditure of \$800 for the mowing of the 8 +/- acre field; seconded by J.*  
110 *Connelly. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None*  
111 *opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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113 *K. Bridgeo motioned to approve the expenditure of \$4375 for the tree/sapling removal on the 12 +/- acre section,*  
114 *seconded by M. Post. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L.*  
115 *Bianco. None opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*

116 Mowing Bills

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118 *T. Davies motioned to approve the bill from Brewer Landscaping for the mowing of the Flint Pond Lot, MBLU*  
119 *019-023, in the amount of \$1200.00; seconded by K. Bridgeo. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J.*  
120 *Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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122 Discussion took place on the Coughlin lot, where it is located, and some of the details on what specifically is needed in  
123 terms of mowing for the land.  
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125 *T. Davies motioned to approve the bill from William H. Hall Jr. for the mowing of the Coughlin Lot, MBLU 013-*  
126 *032-001, in the amount of \$135.00; seconded by K. Bridgeo. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J.*  
127 *Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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129 Discussion took place on the haying and mowing of the field in front of the Hollis Brookline High School. T. Dufresne  
130 suggested that the HCC write the school a letter about the field and offer to help pay for the mowing of the field. J.  
131 Connelly volunteered to write the letter.  
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133 MINUTES

134 C. Cain asked to table the approval of the October 5, 2022 minutes unless there is an amendment to line 48 to the public  
135 minutes. T. Dufresne clarified line.  
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137 *J. Connelly motioned to amend and approve the minutes of the September 21 2022 as amended; seconded by K.*  
138 *Bridgeo. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None*  
139 *opposed or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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141 NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

142 *T. Dufresne motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the October 5, 2022 as written; seconded by M.*  
143 *Post. Voting in favor were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, T. Davies, and L. Bianco. None opposed*  
144 *or abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0.*  
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146 NON-PUBLIC SESSION

147 *T. Dufresne motioned to enter into Non-Public session to discuss potential land acquisitions under RSA 91-A:3, II*  
148 *(c); seconded by T. Davies. T. Dufresne polled the members, all those present voted to enter into Non-Public session*  
149 *by a vote of 6-0-0. The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at 8:45 pm.*  
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151 RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

152 *T. Davies motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to*  
153 *release, seconded by M. Post. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public*  
154 *session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 6-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 8:50 pm.*  
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156 RELEASE OF NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

157 As part of the periodic review of Non-Public minutes for release to the public, T. Dufresne and M. Post have reviewed the  
158 following Non-Public Meeting Minutes, and have recommended that the following minutes be released to the public:  
159 September 18, 2019; February 5, 2020; February 19, 2020; June 17, 2020; August 19, 2020; March 17, 2021; and December  
160 20, 2021.

161 *T. Dufresne motioned to unseal and release the non-public minutes as given; seconded by L. Bianco. Voting in favor*  
162 *were T. Dufresne, M. Post, J. Connelly, K. Bridgeo, and L. Bianco; none opposed, T. Davies abstaining. Motion*  
163 *carried by a vote of 5-0-1.*  
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165 ADJOURNMENT

166 *T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Post. All members in favor, none opposed, and the*  
167 *motion carried by a vote of 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm*  
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169 Respectfully submitted,  
170 Amiee Le Doux  
171 Recording Secretary