

Hollis Conservation Commission
Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Meeting
Approved March 1, 2023

Regular Members Present: Tom Dufresne, Mark Post, Joe Connelly, Karen Bridgeo, Thom Davies
Alternate Members Present: Bernadette McQuilkin, James Plummer
BOS Liaison: Paul Armstrong
Members of the Public: Joe Garruba
Staff: Connie Cain

T. Dufresne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Garruba asked to follow-up with the HCC on the Lorenzos Lane wetlands permit. He stated that a recommendation had been made by NH Fish & Game, and that information had been submitted to the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). He was not able to get in time for the meeting, and asked if he could present the information at the next meeting. T. Dufresne will also speak to Kevin Anderson, Town Planner.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board Update – Tom Dufresne

T. Dufresne shared that the Planning Board Updates were in regard to two dredge and fill permits, one on the corner of North Pepperell Road (122) and Depot Road, and the other on the corner of Nartoff Road and Broad Street. Site walks to be scheduled for both locations.

Board of Selectmen Update – Paul Armstrong

P. Armstrong shared that the Budget Committee was not in favor of the Town's proposed purchase of the 4-acre lot of the Burton Property. Discussion took place regarding the Budget Committee's decision and how best to clarify the usage of Land-Use-Change Tax versus Town money to purchase the Burton Property as previously discussed, along with sharing this information with the Town at the Town Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Thom Davies

T. Davies shared that \$75,000 was collected in Land-Use-Change Tax in January, along with \$1,455.79 that was received as interest for the year. The total revenue received in January was \$76,455.79, which brought the beginning balance of \$654,328.31 to \$748,673.43. \$738,673.41 is available for use, with the rest in stewardship reserve.

Law Property Workgroup – Mark Post

M. Post shared that there was a baseline report completed on the Law Property. He also shared that the Agricultural Commission commented that the Northeast portion for the property should be, depending on the Agricultural Assessment, classified for potential agricultural usage, in order to make it eligible for funding, so that the invasives could be managed instead of that portion being classified at wetlands, where there would be no funding for invasives management.

NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

Winter Seminar Series

T. Dufresne congratulated the HCC on a large turnout for the Seminar Series. Food from the event was complimentary from various members on the HCC.

K. Bridgeo submitted a bill from MinuteMan Press in conjunction with the Winter Seminar Series, in the amount of \$269.30. T. Davies motioned to approve payment; J. Connelly seconded. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Meeting Schedule

T. Dufresne shared that they would be needing two meetings in the month of March to review the two Dredge and Fills previously mentioned, along with preparation for the Town Meeting.

K. Bridgeo, and B. McQuilkin volunteered to help with the presentation for the Town Meeting. Discussion took place on the various timings of the meetings.

Proctor Hill Forestry & Logging Invoice, Law Property Baseline Report

T. Davies motioned to approve payment of \$520.00 to Craig Birch for the creation of the Law Property Baseline Report; seconded by M. Post. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion passed 5-0-0.

63 Wild & Scenic Council Membership

64 B. McQuilkin shared that LeeAnn Wolf had agreed to be her alternate representative with the Wild & Scenic Council
65 Membership. She also shared that she has been learning a lot and is working on a project with a subgroup on ArcGIS for the
66 Wild & Scenic Council.

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68 HCC Property Slideshow

69 B. McQuilkin shared that the HCC Property Slideshow is available on YouTube to the Public. She also shared that she would
70 send the updated link to all the members of the HCC. T. Davies thanked her for her work on this project. HCC members agreed
71 that the slideshow should be posted on the Town website on the Conservation Commission page.

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73 Town Water

74 T. Davies shared that he was approached by a resident who stated elevated levels of Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
75 were found in a residential well in the downtown area of Hollis. T. Dufresne stated that unless there is a report that comes from
76 the individual that confirms that rumor that there is nothing the HCC can do. However, if there is a confirmed report that comes
77 in, they would be in contact with the NHDES about the case and make sure that it is properly dealt with.

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79 M. Post volunteered to have his well tested for PFAS at his next water testing in several months, in order that he might bring
80 evidence surrounding this conversation. Discussion took place on the wells and properties that were mentioned to T. Davies,
81 and whether that was something they would be able to address now.

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83 K. Bridgeo shared that the School System well, which also provides water for several houses in the downtown area of Hollis,
84 is tested quarterly and if PFAS were found, it would already have been being treated.

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86 Silver Lake Grant Committee

87 B. McQuilkin shared that on March 13, 2023, that she, Peter Band, and James Plummer would be meeting with the Silver Lake
88 Grant Committee, and that she would update the HCC afterwards.

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90 HCC Re-Appointments

91 T. Dufresne shared that the following people need to reapply for HCC membership for 2023: P. Edmunds, J. Connelly; T,
92 Davies; J. Plummer; B. McQuilkin, and P. Band.

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94 MINUTES

95 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public meeting minutes of December 7, 2022, as written; seconded by J.*
96 *Connelly; with correction to date. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote*
97 *of 5-0-0.*

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99 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of January 4, 2023, as written; seconded by J. Connelly;*
100 *with correction to date. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.*

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102 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public meeting minutes of January 4, 2023, as written; seconded by J.*
103 *Connelly. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.*

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105 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the Stefanowicz site walk minutes of January 12, 2023, as written; seconded by M.*
106 *Post; with corrections to attendee names. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by*
107 *a vote of 5-0-0.*

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109 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

110 *T. Dufresne motioned to go into non-public session; seconded by J. Plummer. All members in favor, none opposed or*
111 *abstained. Motion carried 5-0-0, and the HCC entered into Non-Public session at 7:35 pm.*

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113 *T. Dufresne motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to*
114 *release, seconded by J. Connelly. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public*
115 *session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 5-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 7:39 pm.*

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117 **ADJOURNMENT**

118 *T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by J. Connelly. All in favor, none opposed or abstained.*
119 *Motion carried 5-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.*

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121 Respectfully Submitted,
122 Amiee Le Doux,
123 Recording Secretary