

Hollis Conservation Commission

Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Meeting

Approved May 3, 2023

Regular Members Present: Tom Dufresne, Paul Edmunds, Thomas Davies, Joseph Connelly, Karen Bridgeo, Peter Band.
Alternate Members Present: Laura Bianco, Bernadette McQuilkin, Paul Armstrong
BOS Liaison: Tom Whalen
Staff Present: Connie Cain
Others Present: Bill Moseley, Planning Board Chair;

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

T. Dufresne welcomed T. Whalen as the Board of Selectmen Liaison.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Update - B. Moseley

B. Moseley shared 4 cases:

1. *Silver Lake Road Development* - B. Moseley shared that the Planning Board (PB) commenced a site walk on Silver Lake Road where the old Flea Market was held and noted that there was a fair amount of trash throughout, but the most concerning was the trash that was pushed into the Wetlands area. B. Moseley noted that the PB has made it clear that this is something that needs to be dealt with promptly by the applicant. He also shared that the application has five single family homes planned for that section of land. B. Moseley made note of the public's complaint that the driveway to this development would be directing the traffic's headlights into their house. The applicant amended the driveway to accommodate this complaint.

Discussion took place on the kind of debris that was on site, and whether or not the Fish and Game services were notified.

B. Moseley shared that the PB voted to send the application into the final stages, and that the applicant would be back in the next couple months to finalize the application.

T. Davies asked the size of the site and if the wetlands were included in that acreage.

B. Moseley responded that the site was approximately 18.43 acres and that the wetlands were included in the acreage.

T. Davies asked if the development would be a HOSPD.

B. Moseley replied no, and that it would be a minor subdivision with their own cistern.

P. Armstrong asked for clarification on whether or not this would be in the category of a minor or major subdivision.

B. Moseley replied that it is a minor subdivision, but as it is on a main town road, they have to adhere to the major subdividing rules as well.

2. *Lorenzos Lane Development* - B. Moseley shared that the PB approved the application, as the applicant had fulfilled all the state requirements.
3. *Scenic Road Hearing* - B. Moseley shared that the PB granted David Sullivan permission to cut down several dead trees along Worcester Road.
4. *Ground Mount Solar 89 Pepperell Road* - B. Moseley shared that the PB decided a site walk was unnecessary, as the ground mounted solar paneling was non-visible from the road. The PB approved the application on the condition that they would maintain the appropriate buffer in perpetuity so that the panels would not be seen by abutters or the road.

Board of Selectmen Updates - T. Whalen

There were no updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report - T. Davies

There were no updates at this time.

61 **Law Property Workgroup - P. Edmunds**
62 P. Edmunds shared that the Workgroup spoke with Craig Birch but have yet to have another meeting, in which he could share
63 his assessment. P. Edmunds also shared that they were looking into applying for a federal grant for the removal of invasives
64 on the property.

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66 **NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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68 **Roadside Cleanup - J. Connelly**
69 J. Connelly shared that everything was ready to go for the cleanup. T. Davies asked if they had enough bags for the event,
70 and if the DPW was supplying more. J. Connelly replied that the DPW had given them plenty of bags for the event.

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72 **Seminar Series - B. McQuilkin**
73 B. McQuilkin shared that the event is full. It will be held on May 2, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the Law property.
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75 P. Edmunds asked if Jack Law knew about this. B. McQuilkin replied no, and asked if P. Edmunds could notify J. Law about
76 the event. P. Edmunds agreed to notify J. Law.

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78 **Bills - T. Dufresne**
79 Meridian Land Services Inc. submitted two bills for payment:
80 1.) \$4671.00 for survey work on the Rock Farm Conservation Easement. P. Edmunds motioned to approve payment;
81 seconded by T. Dufresne. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 6-0-0.
82 2.) \$386.25 for survey work on the Burton Property on Rocky Pond Rd. T. Dufresne motioned to approve payment,
83 seconded by P. Band. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 6-0-0.
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85 L. Bianco was appointed to vote in the absence of Mark Post.

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87 **Election of New Officers - T. Dufresne**
88 T. Dufresne nominated J. Connelly as Chair; seconded by P. Band. J. Connelly accepted the nomination.
89 L. Bianco nominated P. Edmunds as Chair; P. Edmunds declined the nomination.
90 T. Dufresne nominated P. Edmunds as Vice-Chair; seconded by T. Davies. P. Edmunds accepted the nomination.
91 P. Edmunds nominated Mark Post in absentia as Secretary; seconded by P. Band. T. Dufresne noted that M. Post had stated
92 his willingness to continue in this role.
93 P. Band nominated T. Davies as Treasurer; seconded by P. Edmunds. T. Davies accepted the nomination.
94 P. Edmunds motioned to vote on the named slate of members to the respective positions; seconded by T. Dufresne. All
95 members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 7-0-0
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97 **Election**
98 *J. Connelly for Chair. All in favor, none opposed; J. Connelly abstained. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0-*
99 *1, and J. Connelly was elected as the 2023 Chair.*
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101 *P. Edmunds for Vice-Chair. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 7-0-0, and P.*
102 *Edmunds was elected as the 2023 Vice-Chair.*
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104 *M. Post for Secretary. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 7-0-0, and M. Post was*
105 *elected as the 2023 Secretary.*
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107 *T. Davies for Treasurer. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 7-0-0, and T. Davies was*
108 *elected as the 2023 Treasurer.*
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110 **Gift To Tom Dufresne**

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112 T. Davies shared a letter of thanks from Billy Starr, founder of the Pan-Mass Challenge, to T. Dufresne. The HCC gave T.
113 Dufresne a standing ovation for his service for many years.

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115 **MINUTES**

116 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of April 5, 2023, as amended to strike out lines 95-96;*
117 *seconded by P. Band. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0.*
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119 *T. Dufresne motioned to accept the non-public meeting minutes of April 5, 2023, as written; seconded by J. Connelly.*
120 *All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0.*
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122 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

123 *T. Dufresne motioned to go into non-public session; seconded by J. Connelly. All members in favor, none opposed*
124 *or abstained. Motion carried 7-0-0, and the HCC entered Non-Public session at 7:33 pm.*

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126 *T. Dufresne motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to*
127 *release, seconded by P. Edmunds. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public*
128 *session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 7-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 7:47 pm.*
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130 **ADJOURNMENT**

131 *T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by P. Edmunds. All in favor, none opposed or abstained.*
132 *Motion carried 7-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.*
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134 Respectfully Submitted,
135 Amiee Le Doux
136 Recording Secretary