

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

October 4, 2017

Approved October 18, 2017

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, David Connor, LeeAnn Wolff, Jonathan Bruneau, Mark Post
Alternate Members: Laura Bianco, Joe Connelly
Staff: Connie Cain

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board of Selectmen

T. Dufresne noted that, as of the BOS' meeting on October 2, 2017, the Land Protection Study Committee (LPSC) has been formally disbanded by the BOS; he was informed of this decision earlier today. He advised members to watch the BOS meeting on the Town's streaming service for details on this decision. Any LPSC members are invited to join the HCC should they continue to wish to serve the Town in this capacity.

There were no Planning Board updates in the absence of Cathy Hoffman and no Treasurer's Report available at meeting time.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) Annual Conference

The Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Pembroke Academy in Pembroke. T. Dufresne recommends that newer members consider attending, as there is always valuable information at this conference. The \$65.00 registration fee will be reimbursed to HCC members attending upon submission of a paid receipt. L. Wolff has registered, and noted that participants will need to sign-up for the various workshops as part of the registration process.

Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee

The BOS has required that the HCC formally appoint LeeAnn Wolff and Laura Bianco as the representatives to this committee. T. Dufresne made the motion to appoint LeeAnn Wolff and Laura Bianco as the Town's representatives to the Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 8-0-0.

An email flyer was distributed to members earlier today from the Committee. A "Wild and Scenic River Study Public Input Meeting" will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Nashua River Watershed Association's River Resource Center at 592 Main Street Groton, MA. They are seeking as much public input as they can get, and if you cannot attend, they have asked members to register and send comments via email prior to the meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to enter into non-public session to discuss a potential land acquisition under RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by J. Bruneau. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 8-0-0. The HCC entered Non-Public session at 7:15 pm.

(M. Post arrived at 7:29 pm.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

T. Davies motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-A:3, III; seconded by L. Wolff. All members in favor, none opposed. The motion to return to public session carried 8-0-0, and the minutes were sealed. The HCC returned to public session at 7:40 pm.

T. Dufresne motioned to move forward with the property donation acquisition in South Hollis, comprising of 45 +/- acres; seconded by J. Connelly. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 8-0-0. At this time there is no need for a formal vote to expend funds. T. Dufresne reminded members that any single item with a \$5000 or more cost will require a formal "Request for Bid" and award of bid before the project can begin. He does not anticipate that occurring.

60 **RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

61 M. Post had been attending the Recreation Commission meeting earlier this evening, in regards to the proposed
62 Recreational Fields on the Stefanowicz property. He reported that there is not an official plan to date, but Meridian
63 Land Services is in the process of creating. The proposal calls for two recreation fields and parking for about 150 cars,
64 north of the stone wall/power line easement that is north of the house. No lights will be proposed, and while there are
65 cost estimates there is no final number to share yet. Kyle Gillis, Recreation Commission Director, will forward a copy
66 of the planning map to M. Post when it is available.

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68 Members noted that the new Recreational Field across from Nichols Field had been approved, at the 2015 Town
69 Meeting, for \$125,000 for the field construction. Other than a minor wetlands impact, there had not been any major
70 excavation or earth moving for the construction as the property was relatively flat and on a main thoroughfare. With
71 the steep slopes and ledge on the Stefanowicz property, along with additional wetlands concerns, it is felt that the
72 project will cost considerably more than the Depot Road field.

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74 **MINUTES**

75 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the public minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by L.
76 Wolff. All members were in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were approved 8-0-0.

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78 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting as written and to keep
79 the minutes sealed; seconded by J. Connelly. All members were in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were
80 approved and sealed 8-0-0.

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82 **ADJOURNMENT**

83 T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Wolff. All members in favor, none opposed and the
84 meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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86 Respectfully submitted,

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88 Connie Cain
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