

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2017

Approved July 19, 2017

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Cathy Hoffman, Mark Post, Jonathan Bruneau

Alternate Members: Mary Jeffery, Laura Bianco, Cheryl Quaine

Staff: Connie Cain

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

## BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman*

The Planning Board (PB) met on June 20, 2017 and had a very short meeting, due to conceptual plan being tabled to the July meeting. The following items were discussed:

- 1.) Lot Line Relocation plan for two lots at the end of Flint Pond Drive. One of the owners is selling their property, and as part of the due diligence, discovered that part of the garage is sited on the abutting property. The abutting property owner gave a portion of the lot to the other property owner so that they would not need to demolish the garage. The plan was approved.
- 2.) Site plan for Hollis Veterinary Hospital on Silver Lake Road. The owner would like to add additional parking spaces. This plan was also approved.
- 3.) A representative of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) came to discuss the possible update to the Master Plan. It has been 20 years since the last update was done. The PB will be looking for HCC input as the process moves along.

### *Treasurer's Report – Thomas Davies*

As of May 31, 2017, the HCC fund balance was \$447,121.53; excluding the \$10,000 stewardship fund, this leaves \$437,121.53 available as cash.

### *HCC-AC Joint Workgroup – Mark Post*

M. Post stated that workgroup members will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on June 26, 2017 to discuss the one-year agricultural lease for the Stefanowicz Farm property. The lease will be for the 2018 growing season, but should allow the Town some time to determine how the property will best meet public needs now and in the future before a longer lease is entered into.

There were no BOS or Land Protection Study Committee updates available at meeting time.

## NEW & CONTINUING BUSINESS

### TAYLOR CONSERVATION LOT TIMBER HARVEST

T. Dufresne noted that the timber harvest was completed. The proceeds, in the amount of \$15,896.02, have been received and per State RSA, have been deposited into the Town's General Fund to help offset property taxes.

### OLD HOME DAYS BOOTH

T. Davies stated that he has received the Old Home Days Booth request application and submitted it with the fee for the HCC. He would like to reward Roadside Clean-up participants with flower bulbs or something similar as had been done in the past. He asked if the HCC would support the purchase.

After discussion of the request, M. Jeffery motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$250.00 for the purchase of bulbs to be distributed at Old Home Days; seconded by M. Post. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried. T. Davies will research and purchase the same; T. Dufresne suggested daffodil bulbs as they are less likely to be eaten by wildlife.

T. Dufresne stated that he would like to see additional contests/raffles at the booth again this year. This has brought more awareness to the HCC, and this has received a lot of positive comments from the public. He asked members to come up with ideas for this year's event and be prepared to discuss at the July meeting.

### SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

After discussion, the first meetings in both July and August will be cancelled. The HCC will be meeting on July 19, 2017 and on August 16, 2017, returning the regular meeting schedule for September.

63 **MONSON VILLAGE COMMITTEE**

64 C. Quaine attended the Monson Village Committee meeting as the HCC Representative. One of the items that came  
65 up was "tagging" the Monson site on Hollis maps and website. C. Cain will discuss with the NRPC Map Coordinator  
66 for Hollis and the Town's IT Director Dawn Desaulniers on how to make the Monson Village and associated sites  
67 more prominent on both the online maps and the Town's website.  
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69 **FRENCH MILL SITE**

70 T. Dufresne received a call in regards to an old well found in the area of the old French Mill foundation in the Flint  
71 Brook trail system. He and J. Bruneau visited the well, which is about 3 feet in diameter and about 9 feet deep. T.  
72 Dufresne noted that both the well and the mill site are well preserved. J. Bruneau stated that he took photos and  
73 will email them to members.  
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75 T. Dufresne would prefer not to cap it or fill it in, as it is a fine example of the workmanship that was done in past  
76 times. He did speak briefly to the Heritage Commission about the site, but as it is on HCC property, he would prefer  
77 to keep the site under HCC management. Discussion occurred over how to close off the well for safety reasons but  
78 leave the workmanship visible to the public. The preferred method would be to construct a Plexiglas cover in a  
79 frame to allow the public to view the stone interior of the well while providing a cover for safety. J. Bruneau will  
80 research feasibility and costs.  
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82 **HOLLIS BOY SCOUT TROOP 12**

83 T. Davies had attended the Hollis Boy Scout Troop 11 Eagle Scout presentation on June 11, 2017. 5 Scouts were  
84 presented with their Eagle Scout badge for their projects; 3 of the awardees worked on Beaver Brook Association  
85 projects, including work on the "Old City Trail" which begins on HCC property on Rocky Pond Rd. The Scout  
86 constructed a kiosk at the trail head along with benches further down the trail on Beaver Brook property.  
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88 As part of the kiosk and bench placement, Beaver Brook Association would like to add a message to the kiosk  
89 regarding the history of the area, trail use, and that dogs must be leashed on the Beaver Brook portion of the trail.  
90 As the kiosk is located on the Town portion of the trail, T. Davies asked if HCC members have any issues with the  
91 message; no members have issues with the message being placed. Some discussion about the proposed parking  
92 area, as this is also to be located on the Town part of the property. Trees will need to be removed to allow for  
93 parking; there is also an old culvert in that area that needs to be replaced before parking could be allowed.  
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95 T. Dufresne will call DPW Director Tom Bayrd to discuss the parking area and the culvert on the Old City Trail,  
96 and the well on the French Mill site.  
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98 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

99 T. Dufresne motioned to enter into non-public session to discuss a potential land acquisition under RSA 91-A:3, II  
100 (d); seconded by M. Jeffery. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 8-0-0. The HCC entered  
101 Non-Public session at 7:25 pm.  
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103 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

104 T. Dufresne motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-A:3, III; seconded  
105 by M. Jeffery. All members in favor, none opposed. The motion to return to public session carried 8-0-0, and the  
106 minutes were sealed. The HCC returned to public session at 7:35 pm.  
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108 **MINUTES**

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110 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the public minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by T. Davies.  
111 All members were in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were approved 8-0-0.  
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113 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting as written and to keep the  
114 minutes sealed; seconded by M. Jeffery. All members were in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were approved  
115 and sealed 8-0-0.  
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117 **ADJOURNMENT**

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119 T. Dufresne moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by M. Jeffery. All members in favor, none opposed and the  
120 meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.  
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122 Respectfully submitted,  
123 Connie Cain  
124 Staff