

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

March 1, 2017

Approved March 15, 2017

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, David Connor, Cathy Hoffman, LeeAnn Wolff;
Alternate Members: Jonathan Bruneau, Laura Bianco, Joseph Connolly;
Selectmen & Staff: Connie Cain, Staff

T. Dufresne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Among the items to be discussed are:

- 1.) Lot Line Relocation Plan for property on Baxter Road;
- 2.) Montessori School landscaping plan;
- 3.) Lone Pine Hunters Club design review

C. Hoffman added that the Land Use Board has been re-activated and will meet on Wednesday, March 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm. She explained that this Board consists primarily of Town Board & Committee chairs, and exists as a way to keep everyone aware of ongoing and upcoming items that may be of interest. This had been an effective communication method in the past, and it is hoped that with the meeting time shifting from a morning meeting to an evening meeting, this will help with attendance.

Board of Selectmen – Tom Dufresne

In the absence of Peter Band, and as T. Dufresne had attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 27, 2017, he reported that the Howe Fields Conservation Easement is near completion. He anticipates that the HCC will be voting on the expenditure shortly, after the final document has been reviewed.

The Stefanowicz Farm property title search and other necessary items have been completed, and the closing should take place prior to Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017. T. Dufresne will be speaking to the Board of Selectmen regarding Conservation agreements for the property. J. Bruneau noted that Kyle Gillis, Recreation Director, had attended the last workgroup meeting in regards to proposed recreational fields for the property. The field location and other Recreation wants/needs briefly discussed; any decision on this matter will be up to the Board of Selectmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Membership

T. Dufresne announced that Peter Baker has resigned from the HCC and the Land Protection Study Committee (LPSC), effective February 22, 2017. P. Baker has been a member of the HCC since September 1989, and has served on numerous Boards and Committees during the 28 years that he has been volunteering his services to the Town. T. Dufresne has personally thanked P. Baker for his many years of dedication to the HCC, and hopes other members will reach out to him as well.

T. Dufresne informed members that J. Bruneau will become a regular member, and he will also be recommending J. Connolly and Cheryl Quaine for alternate membership. He will communicate this to the Selectmen's office and if these appointments are approved, the official documents will be mailed out.

Hollis Annual Volunteer Breakfast

The Volunteer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Lawrence Barn. This breakfast is provided by the Town to thank its hard working volunteers and provides a casual venue to meet with the Board of Selectmen, Town staff, and with members of other Boards and Committees.

Stefanowicz Farm Site Walk

T. Dufresne and members of the Nichols-Smith Land Trust will be conducted a site walk to inspect the property on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11:00 am. If any members wish to attend, please let T. Dufresne know; he will also be contacting Jim Oehler to discuss the creation of a management plan for the property.

Saving Special Places Annual Conference

This year's conference will be held on April 8, 2017, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Prospect Mountain High School in Alton NH. Any member wishing to attend can submit their cancelled check or receipt for reimbursement for the \$60 conference registration fee. Please visit <http://savingspecialplaces.org/> for more information or to register.

2017 Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has announced the 2017 schedule, with the first collection date of April 22, 2017 at the Nashua Public Works Garage, located at 9 Stadium Drive in Nashua. Other dates and additional information can be found at <http://www.nashuarpc.org/energy-environmental-planning/household-hazardous-waste/>. If anyone would like copies for distribution, please let C. Cain know.

2017 Annual Roadside Clean-Up

Members asked if a date had been chosen; not yet. T. Davies is usually in charge of planning this event to coincide with Earth Day at the end of April. This will be discussed at the next meeting. J. Connolly noted that the baseball field clean-up is to occur on April 8, 2017.

Taylor Property Timber Cut

T. Dufresne met with Craig Birch and conducted a site walk of the property. The access point and trees to be removed were discussed. T. Dufresne will update members as the cut progresses over the next few months.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to go into Non-Public session to discuss a potential land acquisition, under RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by D. Connor. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 7-0-0. The HCC entered Non-Public session at 7:35 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne 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 7-0-0, the minutes were sealed, and the HCC returned to public session at 7:43 pm.

MINUTES

T. Dufresne motioned to approve the public minutes of February 15, 2017 as written, seconded by C. Hoffman. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Bruneau motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by T. Dufresne. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cain
Staff