

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

May 18, 2016

Approved June 1, 2016

Present: Tom Dufresne, David Connor, Thomas Davies, LeeAnn Wolff, Cathy Hoffman, Mary Jeffery

Also Present: Jonathan Bruneau, Laura Bianco, Potential New HCC Members

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. M. Jeffery was appointed to vote in the absence of Mark Post.

## ROADSIDE CLEANUP SUMMARY

T. Davies presented the map of the 2015 Roadside Clean-up and this year's event, showing the roads assigned for both events; the increase in public participation was significant. T. Davies wanted to publicly recognize Eliza LeCours, Town Resident, and Joanie Cudworth, Transfer Station Foreperson, for their hard work on this year's event and making sure that the word got out to the public via Facebook and other social media, as well as allowing the Transfer Station to be used as the gathering point this year. Many thanks also to C. Hoffman and L. Wolff for providing cookies and baklava for participants. T. Davies noted that he had received 3 pages of email addresses from participants, and will be emailing all to thank them.

T. Dufresne noted that Eliza LeCours, T. Davies and M. Jeffery were instrumental in obtaining additional participants from Transfer Station customers, using gentle persuasion to get them involved. It is hoped that Mrs. LeCours will assist the HCC in next year's event, and keep generating more public interest. The roads look much better, and it was noted that most of the trash picked up was from coffee or fast food restaurants and alcoholic beverages. D. Connor noted that from Four Corners to the Sunoco Gas station, he and other participants picked up 6 bags of trash in that short distance. T. Dufresne and his brother John worked on South Merrimack Road on Sunday, and picked up 40+ bags worth of trash, along with a car tire and some car parts. Additionally, it was noted that someone had picked up about 20+ bags worth from the Town Line on Route 101A, continuing over the Merrimack Line. It was unknown who did this, but many thanks to them as well.

L. Wolff stated that Nancy Rogers had won the raffle prize; L. Wolff has left a message for her, but has not yet heard back.

T. Dufresne thanked everyone for their participation and work on an overwhelmingly successful event.

## BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

### *Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman*

At the May 17, 2016 Planning Board (PB) meeting, the 2016 Election of Officers was held and C. Hoffman was elected to the Chairman position, with Doug Cleveland as Vice-Chairman. Along with this change in officers, Dan Turcott was appointed to regular membership, and three new volunteers were appointed as alternates: Ben Ming, Bill Moseley, and Jeffrey Peters.

Only one item was on the agenda; the Public Hearing for a Ground Mounted Solar System Site Plan proposed for the Grossman Revocable Trust property at 140 Ridge Rd, MBLU 007-037. 1 abutter spoke against the project, feeling that the construction of the system would devalue the property in the area. The PB has scheduled a site walk for the property on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm prior to their regular meeting. The public is welcome to attend, but no public comments will be allowed. If the public has questions or comments about the site plan, they are always welcome to submit those, in writing, to the Planning Office at any time during the review.

It was noted that the property owner plans on allowing customers of Eversource Energy, formerly Public Service of New Hampshire, to benefit from electricity created by the panels, and the project is self-funded.

At the next PB meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>, it is expected that the Hollis Montessori School's Site Plan for expansion will be discussed.

There was no Board of Selectmen's update, Land Study Protection Commission update, or Treasurer's Report available at meeting time.

59 **ONGOING/NEW BUSINESS**

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61 *Conservation Easement Area, 102 Broad Street, MBLU 019-017*

62 T. Dufresne has been in communication with Al Fulchino, owner of Fulchino Vineyards, who has negotiated a  
63 contract to place grape vines on this property. There is a Conservation Easement along the road frontage of 100 feet  
64 in depth. The easement, placed at the time of subdivision, states that no plantings are to be done in the easement  
65 area, and the proposal calls for the grape vines are to be partially located within the easement area. The recorded  
66 easement document includes language that the PB may approve and grant a waiver on the restrictions if requested  
67 and felt appropriate.  
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69 Mr. Fulchino has staked out the proposed planting area and it is visible from Broad Street. Discussion of wetlands in  
70 the area, the conservation easement area and history ensued. As of meeting date, no plan or request has been  
71 submitted to the PB for approval, but this is expected in time for the June meeting. Both the owner and Mr. Fulchino  
72 are aware of the conservation easement restrictions, and it is expected that no work will occur on the property until  
73 the PB grants the waiver.  
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75 *Phase I Environmental Study Bids for Stefanowicz Farm and Birch Hill properties*

76 T. Dufresne noted that the bids for this project are due by noon on Friday, May 20, 2016. Any bids received for either  
77 project will be opened at that time.  
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79 *Spaulding Lots, Rocky Pond Road, Timber Harvest*

80 T. Dufresne has been notified by Craig Birch that the timber harvest is complete. A significant amount of timber was  
81 harvested, and final numbers have yet to be submitted. T. Dufresne noted that members who wish to view what a  
82 good timber harvest looks like after completion should visit the site.  
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84 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

85 T. Davies motioned to go into Non-Public session to discuss a potential land acquisition, under RSA 91-A:3, II (d);  
86 seconded by M. Jeffery. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 6-0-0. The HCC entered Non-  
87 Public session at 7:52 pm.  
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89 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

90 T. Davies motioned to remove from Non-Public session; seconded by C. Hoffman. All members in favor, none  
91 opposed, and the motion carried 6-0-0. The HCC removed from Non-Public session at 8:05 pm.  
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93 **NEW MEMBERS**

94 T. Dufresne introduced potential new members:

95 *Jonathan Bruneau.* J. Bruneau has lived in the Nashua-Hollis most of his life, and is very familiar with the area. He is  
96 currently employed as a Civil Engineer, and has resided in Hollis for the past 2 years.

97 *Laura Bianco.* L. Bianco has lived in Hollis for 18+ years, and previously lived in Nashua. She feels a passion to  
98 protect open areas in Hollis, and would like to contribute back to the community.

99 Both J. Bruneau and L. Bianco were welcomed to the HCC, and T. Dufresne explained the “probationary” period to  
100 them, as they learn what the HCC does and their commitments. This probationary period is to give both the HCC and  
101 the potential members some experience and time to determine if they are a good fit for the HCC. After a period of 6 –  
102 8 meetings, probationary members may be promoted to alternate membership, and the Board of Selectmen may  
103 appoint them at that time.  
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105 **ADJOURNMENT**

106 T. Davies motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by T. Dufresne. All members in favor, none opposed, and the  
107 motion carried 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.  
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109 Respectfully submitted,

110 Connie Cain

111 Staff