

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

January 6, 2016

Approved January 20, 2016

Present: Tom Dufresne, David Connor, Cathy Hoffman, Peter Band, Thom Davies, Peter Baker, Mark Post

T. Dufresne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He stated that he had received a bill from Crafts Appraisal in the amount of \$4,200 for the Stefanowicz property. He noted that the HCC previously voted to approve this expenditure.

The 2016 annual Conservation Commission dues amount is \$415.00.

P. Baker moved to approve the expenditure of \$415.00. D. Connor seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Selectmen: P. Band stated that the Selectmen would be meeting with the Budget Committee on January 11th to discuss the Town budget. T. Dufresne, Peter Baker and other members of the Land Protection Study Committee will be attending this meeting to discuss land purchases.

Planning Board: C. Hoffman informed HCC members that the Planning Board held a workshop on January 5th to discuss two newly proposed zoning ordinances. The first proposed ordinance discussed was for the regulation of the installation of Solar Energy Systems. The formulation of this ordinance was prompted by a request from a resident to install a ground array on his property approximately one acre in size to serve neighbors and the Beaver Brook Association. Discussion included the placement of, size limitations, screening and additional regulation in the Town Center and Historic District. Following questions from HCC members, C. Hoffman stated that she would ask Wendy Trimble, Planning Secretary to post the revised version on the Town website. The public hearing for this and the Medical Marijuana Ordinance will be held on January 19th.

Treasurer's Report – There was no treasurer's report.

OTHER BUSINESS

HCC members acknowledged the passing of longtime member Dick Brown and all agreed to that a tribute to and remembrance of Dick would be included in the Conservation Commission's annual report to the Town. Dick always worked with Connie to write the HCC's annual report. T. Davies agreed to work with Connie on the report, which is due on January 16th.

Board members offered their remembrances of Dick.

P. Baker stated that the man in Norman Rockwell's painting "Freedom of Speech" always reminded him of Dick. He added that he would always associate the phrase "impervious surface" with Dick

T. Davies commented that he was always astounded by the breadth of Dick's resources, noting that Dick had shown him an article from the Hollis Times dated May 12th, 1993 with a photo of participants in a roadside cleanup.

T. Dufresne questioned just how long Dick had been a member of the HCC. He added that Dick was adamant about recycling and distributing newspaper articles of interest to friends and neighbors. He noted that Dick would always drive slowly to save gas.

P. Band stated that Dick was a kind unassuming man. He was good and frugal. There were no airs about him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. Dufresne moved and P Baker seconded that the HCC enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (d) for the purpose of discussing a potential land acquisition A roll call vote was taken. T. Dufresne, D. Connor, T. Davies, C. Hoffman, P. Baker, P. Band and M. Post voted in favor of the motion. The HCC entered into non-public session at 7:29 pm.

T. Dufresne moved and P. Baker seconded to seal the minutes and come out of non-public session. A roll call vote was taken. The HCC came out of non-public session and entered public session at 7:45 pm. T. Dufresne, D. Connor, T. Davies, C. Hoffman, P. Baker, P. Band and M. Post voted in favor of the motion.

The HCC came out of non-public at 8:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Connor moved to approve the public minutes of December 16th, as submitted. T. Davies seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Connor moved to approved the non-public minutes of December 16th. C. Hoffman seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Dufresne moved and P. Band seconded to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hoffman