

# HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 16, 2016

Approved April 6, 2016

Present: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Peter Baker, Mark Post, Connie Cain-Staff

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. T. Dufresne appointed P. Baker to vote in the absence of David Connor and M. Post to vote in the absence of Cathy Hoffman.

There were no Board-Committee-Treasurer's updates at meeting time.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

At the March 12, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, purchase of all three properties by the Town was overwhelmingly approved. Discussion of various aspects of the properties ensued, including what Town entity would manage and/or monitor each for the Town, plans for the properties in the future, as well as potential uses. M. Post noted that the Agricultural Commission will be conducting its own assessment of the properties concurrently with any other studies. P. Baker is in the process of creating a draft declaration of use for the Town; he stated that it would be up to the Land Protection Study Committee and the HCC to construct and present this declaration to the Selectmen. P. Baker felt that the LPSC and the HCC should work closely on plans for all three properties. T. Dufresne noted that the Recreation Commission will also need involved for any possible practice fields on the Stefanowicz Farm.

T. Dufresne is planning to approach Jim Oehler to create the baseline management plans for the forested part of the Stefanowicz Farm; he felt that either the Agricultural Committee or another entity could do for the agricultural portions of the property.

## NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS

### *Wetlands Dock Issue*

As part of the research into the Stefanowicz Farm property, it was noted that an adjacent property appears to have built a dock over portions of the Muddy Brook wetlands on private property. After discussion, T. Dufresne will speak to Mark Fougere, Town Planner, on whether any action is necessary.

### *Gardner Property, South Merrimack Road, MBLU 042-073*

Chris Kane, Easement Monitor, has proposed creating a "Rare Plant and Natural Community" assessment for the Gardner property. This would be to document the finding of 5 rare plant species: butterfly weed, round-leaf trailing tick trefoil, smooth small-leaf tick trefoil, red pinesap, and licorice bedstraw; along with 1 natural community of chestnut oak forest/woodland. Documentation and compilation of theses species and the community would then be forwarded to the NH Natural Heritage Bureau for review and acceptance.

P. Baker noted that there are also vernal pools on the property; T. Dufresne will ask Chris Kane to include in the report. As this will probably entail extra cost, T. Dufresne would recommend amending the quote to \$600. P. Baker made the motion to authorize the expenditure of \$600.00 to document and create the assessment as noted in Chris Kane's proposal dated March 15, 2016; seconded by M. Post. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

### *Non-Public Minutes for Release*

C. Cain had previously emailed the non-public minutes to members for review and consideration to release to the public. P. Baker made the motion to unseal and release the non-public minutes, as given; seconded by T. Dufresne. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Non-Public meeting minutes released under this motion are:

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| October 4, 2006 | November 1, 2006  | December 13, 2016 | January 3, 2007 |
| October 3, 2007 | February 20, 2008 | April 15, 2009    | May 6, 2009     |
| June 3, 2009    | June 2, 2010      | February 1, 2012  | March 7, 2012   |
| March 21, 2012  | April 4, 2012     |                   |                 |

### *2016 Roadside Clean-Up*

T. Davies reminded members that the Roadside Clean-up will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. He asked that members be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

62 **MINUTES**

63 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the public minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting as written; seconded by T. Davies.  
64 All members in favor, no-one opposed, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

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66 T. Dufresne motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting as written and to keep them  
67 sealed; seconded by T. Davies. All members in favor, no-one opposed, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

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69 **ADJOURNMENT**

70 T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by T. Davies. All members in favor, no-one opposed, and the  
71 meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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73 Respectfully submitted,  
74 Connie Cain  
75 Staff