

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

December 4, 2019

Approved December 18, 2019

Regular Members: LeeAnn Wolff, Thomas Davies, Jonathan Bruneau;

Alternate Members: Laura Bianco, Paul Edmunds

BOS Ex-Officio: Peter Band

Staff: Connie Cain

Guests: Joe Garruba

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Peter Band

P. Band noted that the Board had declined to hold a vote on recent target shooting issues on Town properties. The first 2020 Budget Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019.

AGRICULTURAL & HCC JOINT WORKGROUP

M. Post has been called out of Town unexpectedly, but had emailed Staff that the Town Attorney has updated the draft lease document, and the anticipated Request for Bids is still anticipated to be released in January 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Thomas Davies

As of December 2, 2019, the HCC account balance was \$697,618.73; accounting for the \$10,000 held in reserve, this leaves a balance of \$687,618.73 available as cash.

T. Davies stated that he was honored to be affiliated with the HCC; and noted that land conservation has long term benefits for the Town and for future generations of Hollis residents. Hollis is the envy of many other local communities, due to its support from residents and from local governance.

J. Bruneau asked P. Band if the BOS have discussed hiring staff to manage Town owned property; P. Band stated that it has not been brought to the BOS' attention. J. Bruneau felt that, for volunteers, the task is over-whelming for those who also work full-time. A brief discussion on the subject occurred; P. Band will bring up at the next BOS meeting.

There were no Planning Board updates in Cathy Hoffman's absence.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

J. Garruba informed the HCC that he has filed an appeal with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on December 2, 2019, in regards to the recent approval for Bella Meadows, a Workforce Housing development plan which has been recently approved by the Planning Board.

J. Garruba will email the appeal documents and supporting documentation to Staff for distribution to HCC members; essentially he opined that Town ordinances and laws had not been adhered to, and in some instances, he interpreted that the Town ordinances required the HCC's approval and had not been sought. Discussion of some points of his appeal he felt germane to the HCC. L. Wolff reminded members that the HCC is an advisory board. Further discussion on Workforce housing was held briefly; however, per L. Wolff, the HCC will not express any opinion on the matter at this time.

J. Garruba requested to be on the next available meeting agenda to discuss the appeal; due to a full agenda for December 18, 2019, and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 being a holiday, the next available date is January 15, 2020. He is scheduled to present his appeal to the Planning Board at their January 21, 2020; this will allow him to speak to the HCC prior to that meeting.

(J. Garruba left the meeting at 7:53 pm.)

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

L. Wolff motioned to enter into Non-Public session to discuss potential land acquisition under RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by T. Davies. L. Wolff polled the members, all those present voted to enter into Non-Public session by a vote of 5-0-0. The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at 7:54 pm.

61 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

62 *T. Davies motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to*
63 *release, seconded by L. Wolff. L. Wolff polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public session*
64 *and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 5-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 7:58 pm.*
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66 **MINUTES**

67 *T. Davies made the motion to accept the public minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting as written; seconded by*
68 *L. Bianco. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-*
69 *0.*
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71 *T. Davies made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting as written and to*
72 *keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by L. Bianco. All members voted in favor, none opposed or*
73 *abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.*
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75 **ADJOURNMENT**

76 *T. Davies motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Wolff. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion*
77 *carried by a vote of 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.*
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79 Respectfully submitted,
80 Connie Cain
81 Staff