

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

August 19, 2020

Approved September 2, 2020

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, Thomas Davies, Mark Post, Jonathan Bruneau;
Alternate Members: Joe Connelly, Laura Bianco, David Werner, James Plummer via telephone;
Staff: Connie Cain
Guests: Kevin Anderson, Meridian Land Services

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Joint Agricultural & Conservation Commissions Workgroup – Mark Post

Bids have been reviewed by the Workgroup, pending additional review before making final recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. M. Post provided an update to the Board of Selectmen at their August 10, 2020 meeting.

T. Dufresne noted that both he and Lori Radke, Town Administrator, have shown the house to prospective bidders a number of times over the past few weeks. The Board of Selectmen will be issuing a Request for Bids in the near future.

No Selectboard, Planning Board or Treasurer's Report available at meeting time.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Siergiewicz Farm Timber Harvest

Craig Birch recently re-started the timber harvest on the property, and has submitted payment for timber in the amount of \$1380. All timber harvest proceeds are deposited into the Town's General Fund and are used to offset property taxes.

Nashua River Watershed Association

L. Bianco has agreed to become the second HCC representative to this association; two are required from each community. LeeAnn Wolff is the other representative.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to enter into Non-Public session to discuss potential land acquisition under RSA 91-A:3, II (d); seconded by J. Bruneau. T. Dufresne polled the members, all those present voted to enter into Non-Public session by a vote of 8-0-0. The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at 7:15 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to release, seconded by J. Bruneau. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 8-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 7:20 pm.

(Kevin Anderson arrived at 7:20 pm.)

EXPEDITED MINIMUM IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT,

Kevin Anderson, Meridian Land Services, 275-277 Pine Hill Road, MBLU 032-016-005

Kevin Anderson, in attendance on behalf of the owners, presented the permit to the HCC. He explained that the culvert/pipe had recently collapsed, and in doing so, caused the dam to fail. This permit will allow them to replace in kind, and allow the pond to be restored. Fire Chief Rick Towne is in favor of the restoration as the Fire Department uses the pond as a water source. The lifespan of the culvert/pipe is approximately 50 years, which about the age of the dam.

While the pond is manmade and not subject to needing a permit, the surrounding wetlands were impacted when the dam failed, and material from the pond spilled out. This material consisted mainly of silt and sand, and Meridian is proposing to leave the material in the wetlands, as to remove it would cause significantly more damage.

T. Dufresne noted that he had spoken to Fire Chief Towne, who felt it was a necessary repair. The HCC has jurisdiction over the wetlands only, not the pond. The repair will not impact any water flow to the stream. K. Anderson stated that the dam is an "Outlet Control Structure," which prevents overflow, and the dam itself is considered a "Non-Menace Dam."

Members agreed that repair is necessary and approved the permit; T. Dufresne signed the permits for the HCC.

(K. Anderson left the meeting at 7:35 pm.)

MINUTES

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting as written and to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the public minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting as written; seconded by J. Connelly. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting as written and to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by J. Bruneau. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Bruneau. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cain
Staff