

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

October 21, 2020

Approved November 18, 2020

Regular Members: Tom Dufresne, LeeAnn Wolff, Thomas Davies, Jonathan Bruneau, Paul Edmunds,
Alternate Members: Joe Connelly, Laura Bianco, Karen Bridgeo, James Plummer.
BOS Ex-Officio: Peter Band
Staff: Connie Cain

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

PLANNING BOARD

T. Dufresne was unable to attend the Planning Board meeting of October 20, 2020, and has not received an update from Planning Board staff.

STEFANOWICZ FARM LEASE & HOUSE – T. Dufresne

The Negotiation Team has finalized the contract, and this will be presented to the Selectboard on Monday, October 26, 2020 for approval and signature.

The original Request for Bids did not receive any bids for the existing house and land, so the Selectboard authorized another Request for Bids at \$200,000 and the subdivision restriction removed. Bids are due by 3:00 on Friday, November 6, 2020.

SELECTBOARD – Peter Band

The Selectboard issued a mandate at the October 12, 2020 meeting that face coverings must be worn by all in the public spaces of Town Hall. This includes all staff, Board & Committee members, and the general public.

There was no Treasurer's Report available at meeting time.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Siergiewicz Site Walk

T. Dufresne reminded members of the site walk on the Ludwig Siergiewicz Farm site this Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 9:00 am. T. Dufresne has also invited some of the abutters and the Heritage Commission to join the walk. The walk is primarily to view the recent timber harvest site, invasives and the cellar hole along with other items. T. Dufresne noted that an additional payment has been received from Craig Birch for the property, which brings the total for the timber harvest to \$29,516.51. These proceeds are deposited to the Town's General Fund, not Conservation accounts.

Upcoming Meetings

Due to the upcoming Federal and State Elections on Tuesday, November 3rd, the Planning Board has asked the HCC if they could use the Community Room on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 as they are televised, and HCC is not. The HCC will meet in the Upper Town Hall Meeting Room instead. If anyone cannot use the stairs to attend, please let C. Cain know so she can arrange accommodations.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Dues

T. Dufresne has received the annual bill for the NHACC dues in the amount of \$475.00.

T. Dufresne motioned to authorize the payment of dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$475.00; seconded by T. Davies. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

C. Cain will submit the bill to the Finance Office for payment. Any HCC members that are not on the NHACC mailing list and wish to be can sign up at www.nhacc.org.

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 L. Wolff. T. Dufresne polled the members, all those present voted to enter into Non-Public session by a vote of 9-0-0. The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at approximately 7:11 pm.

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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 P. Edmunds. T. Dufresne polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 9-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 7:45 pm.

MINUTES

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the public minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting as written; seconded by T. Davies. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Dufresne made the motion to accept the non-public minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting as written and to keep them sealed until voted to release; seconded by T. Davies. All members voted in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved and kept sealed by a vote of 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Connelly. All members in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried by a vote of 9-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cain
Staff