

LAND USE BOARD MINUTES

October 10th, 2017

1 **Land Use Board Present:** David Sullivan, Heritage Commission Chair; Sherry Wyskiel,
2 Trails Commission Chair; David Petry, Representative of Board Of Selectmen; Tom
3 Dufresne, Conservation Commission Chair; Tom Cook, Historic District Commission; Craig
4 Birch, Forestry Commission.

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6 **Absent Members:** Cathy Hoffman, Planning Board Chair; Brian Major, Zoning Board of
7 Adjustment Chair; Melinda Willis, Cemetery Trustee Chair; Randal Clark, Agricultural Vice-
8 Chair; Bob Larmouth, NRPC Representative; Chair; David Belanger, Recreation
9 Commission Chair; Mark Post, Agricultural Commission Chair; Venu Rao, Energy
10 Commission Chair; Edward Chamberlain, Forestry Committee Chair;

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12 **STAFF:** Wendy Trimble, Assistant Planner
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14 **1. CALL TO ORDER: 5 PM**

15 **2. Information from each Chairperson.**
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17 **David Petry – Representative of Board of Selectman** – called into the meeting. He
18 started the meeting by asking all the Chairs to consider any changes to the zoning ordinance.
19 It is important for everyone to think about this.
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21 **Sherry Wyskiel – Hollis Trails Committee** – explained that they are going to be
22 putting a perimeter trail around Woodmont, plus one going from Plain Road to Silver Lake.
23 They will also have to put up signs next year due to the new Agricultural Regulations. The
24 Trails Committee will continue to work with the Agricultural Committee, to work out the
25 layout of the trail, maybe meet with Adrian Lavoie and work together. She added that there
26 is some serious erosion problems on some of the trails also. She said that the Trails
27 Committee can take care of some of them such as Wheeler Road, Dunklee Road and a few
28 others, however, Long Hill trail is so bad it is eroded in some places about 2 feet. This one
29 she said she would have to hand over to the Town Forest Commission, and hopefully they
30 will be able to fix that one. She suggested maybe diverting it onto a skidder road or repair
31 the trail. The trails committee does not have the time or the money to fix this trail. There is
32 a trail on Rideout that has had to be closed off down by the river, as Beavers have dug two
33 large holes in the trail, making it dangerous. She along with a couple of friends have
34 rerouted about 100 feet around these holes to make it safe. At this point, D. Petry suggested
35 that Sherry reach out to Tom Bayrd as they have someone that does trapping for the town
36 when there is issues. She said it was not trapping season but she will talk to Tom Bayrd.
37 The trails committee has ordered gravel from DPW, in order to help repair a few of the
38 trails. D. Petry asked her to still check with Tom Bayrd and there may be exceptions
39 depending on the issues from a town's perspective.

40 The trails committee has also had to table a few projects that they were going to do at Birch
41 Hill. There are two trails that need to be moved before a parking area can be put in, and
42 also moving the cell tower gates. This will be done next spring as the Snow Mobile Club
43 said they would do all that work for the Trails Committee at no cost to the town.

44 **David Sullivan – Heritage Commission** – stated they have two big fund raisers this
45 year. The calendar this year is Scenic views of Hollis, and they have already started selling
46 these calendars. The funds raised from the sales is going towards rebuilding the Noah Dow
47 Cooper Shop. This will be rebuilt in Woodmont Orchard in the vicinity of the icehouse and
48 the Gambrel Barn. Where the old farmhouse stood on that land. They are getting very close

49 to the goal of raising enough money to rebuild this, and maybe next year they can begin by
50 placing 12 large granite stones, currently stored at DPW, on the site laid in place with some
51 sort of signage to help bring in some additional sponsorship/donations. There is already a
52 good group of volunteers that wish to help with this, and maybe professional help will be
53 needed too. The next fund raiser they are doing is the second Vintage Drive it day, on
54 October 14th. This is for cars or trucks of any age, and will include a drive around Hollis
55 starting at Lawrence Barn, with a stop at Anheuser Busch and finishing at Ranger Road to
56 the Historic School House for a small car show and picnic weather permitting.

57 He added that he has been approached by Joan at DPW, regarding the 40 foot storage
58 container that Heritage had acquired, to store the Cooper Shop bits. The Police Department
59 are also looking for a container to store traffic cones, signs, etc in. So he will be bringing
60 this up at the next meeting for the Heritage Committee to make a decision on moving this.

61 **Tom Cook – Historic Committee** – reported that it has been quiet for this committee
62 over the last few months. They have had a few inquiries regarding sheds and roof solar
63 panels that are not visible from the street. They work together with the committee and the
64 Building Inspector to make decisions on this and they visit the property to check they are
65 not in public view. He mentioned they have openings on the committee and Sherry
66 suggested putting a notice on the Hollis Brookline facebook page to ask for new members.

67 **Craig Birch – Forestry Commission** – explained they had had a timber sale began in
68 early spring and finished in August due to wet weather. They are due to have another
69 meeting shortly and look into doing another one next year. They are also going to look at
70 updating the management plan on some of the town's forest parcels.

71 He addressed Sherry's concern of the Long Hill trail. She explained where it was. He knew
72 the trail she was referring to adding that 20 years ago they had installed water bars along
73 this trail and as snow mobiles had knocked them out they had replaced them a number of
74 times. He had checked this trail this week, and with all the heavy rain going on there was
75 no erosion going on. Sherry added the trails are all rock, and she is getting complaints
76 about them as they compare them to all the other trails in town. Craig said maybe they are
77 doing too good a job on the other trails. This is the same trail for the past 50 years. If there
78 are a couple of rocks then they are easily moved to the side of the trail. Sherry added it is
79 not needed as a snow mobile trail. Craig will suggest to the Committee that this is just for
80 foot traffic and not horses or snow mobiles.

81 **Tom Dufresne – Conservation Committee** - stated that the committee has had a
82 couple of land protection acquisitions. One he can speak about is a donation of 45 acres, at
83 the southern end of town, and this will cost the town a survey, appraisal, phase one
84 environmental assessment, and title search. This will be very exciting.

85 He added that Old Home days was a successful day for the committee as they had a number
86 of names added to the friends/members list. They have availability on their committee for
87 new members.

88 **Wendy Trimble representing Cathy Hoffman – Planning Board** – stated that she
89 had handed out the Planning Board Agenda for this month. There are no new applications
90 at the moment and explained they are going to be working on potential zoning
91 amendments. She asked that each Chair consider any ideas they may have and offered to
92 keep them informed as to the changes proposed so they can relay them to their board

93 members. Any thoughts and ideas are very welcomed, along with coming along to the
94 meeting to discuss.

95 **David Petry** – in response to a question from Sherry Wyskiel explained that the Land
96 Protection Committee had been disbanded. This was a decision made at the last
97 Selectmen's meeting. He went on to explain they had formed in 2001, but prior to this the
98 Hollis Conservation Committee had the responsibility of identifying parcels, or as a contact
99 for land acquisitions. The Selectmen felt that now was a good time to go back to this
100 system, and give the primary mission back to the Conservation Commission, it made sense,
101 with the understanding that the Select board will work with the Conservation Commission
102 with any new parcels. The group did a great job but with a few concerns it was decision
103 made to regroup. The members were very valued and there are spaces available on
104 Conservation Commission that they may wish to consider.

105 D. Petry also wanted all the committee's to be aware of the subdivision on Silver Lake Road
106 for the 55+ housing development. This has come around due to the ordinance change last
107 year. All committees should be aware of this. Craig Birch asked if it was possible to ask for
108 an easement for access to some land beside this lot and also to access the Town land. D.
109 Petry said we would note this and raise it at the next meeting relative to this subdivision.

110 T. Dufresne asked if for the next meeting on January 9th 2018, to try and get the Agricultural
111 Commission and the Recreational Commission Chairs to all attend together to discuss
112 imminent proposals. D. Petry added that they have been asked to attend a Selectmen
113 Meeting and he will make sure that Conservation Committee is notified of this date so they
114 can attend too.

115 The meeting adjourned at 5.40 PM.

116 Respectively submitted by,

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118 Wendy Trimble
119 Assistant Planner
120 Town of Hollis, NH

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