LAND USE BOARD MINUTES

October 10th, 2017

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

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

**STAFF:** Wendy Trimble, Assistant Planner

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 5 PM**
2. **Information from each Chairperson.**

**David Petry – Representative of Board of Selectman** – called into the meeting. He started the meeting by asking all the Chairs to consider any changes to the zoning ordinance. It is important for everyone to think about this.

**Sherry Wyskiel – Hollis Trails Committee** – explained that they are going to be putting a perimeter trail around Woodmont, plus one going from Plain Road to Silver Lake. They will also have to put up signs next year due to the new Agricultural Regulations. The Trails Committee will continue to work with the Agricultural Committee, to work out the layout of the trail, maybe meet with Adrian Lavoie and work together. She added that there is some serious erosion problems on some of the trails also. She said that the Trails Committee can take care of some of them such as Wheeler Road, Dunklee Road and a few others, however, Long Hill trail is so bad it is eroded in some places about 2 feet. This one she said she would have to hand over to the Town Forest Commission, and hopefully they will be able to fix that one. She suggested maybe diverting it onto a skidder road or repair the trail. The trails committee does not have the time or the money to fix this trail. There is a trail on Rideout that has had to be closed off down by the river, as Beavers have dug two large holes in the trail, making it dangerous. She along with a couple of friends have rerouted about 100 feet around these holes to make it safe. At this point, D. Petry suggested that Sherry reach out to Tom Bayrd as they have someone that does trapping for the town when there is issues. She said it was not trapping season but she will talk to Tom Bayrd. The trails committee has ordered gravel from DPW, in order to help repair a few of the trails. D. Petry asked her to still check with Tom Bayrd and there may be exceptions depending on the issues from a town’s perspective.

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

**David Sullivan – Heritage Commission** – stated they have two big fund raisers this year. The calendar this year is Scenic views of Hollis, and they have already started selling these calendars. The funds raised from the sales is going towards rebuilding the Noah Dow Cooper Shop. This will be rebuilt in Woodmont Orchard in the vicinity of the icehouse and the Gambrel Barn. Where the old farmhouse stood on that land. They are getting very close...
to the goal of raising enough money to rebuild this, and maybe next year they can begin by placing 12 large granite stones, currently stored at DPW, on the site laid in place with some sort of signage to help bring in some additional sponsorship/donations. There is already a good group of volunteers that wish to help with this, and maybe professional help will be needed too. The next fund raiser they are doing is the second Vintage Drive it day, on October 14th. This is for cars or trucks of any age, and will include a drive around Hollis starting at Lawrence Barn, with a stop at Anheaser Busch and finishing at Ranger Road to the Historic School House for a small car show and picnic weather permitting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wendy Trimble representing Cathy Hoffman – Planning Board – stated that she had handed out the Planning Board Agenda for this month. There are no new applications at the moment and explained they are going to be working on potential zoning amendments. She asked that each Chair consider any ideas they may have and offered to keep them informed as to the changes proposed so they can relay them to their board.
members. Any thoughts and ideas are very welcomed, along with coming along to the
meeting to discuss.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5.40 PM.

Respectively submitted by,

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