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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91-A requirements.

Roll Call:

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Lauri Etela, Shep Kroner, and Mike Lynch. ***A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch to approve Andrew Vorkink to join the meeting from a remote location via cell phone.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Philip Thayer joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Members of public present: Corey Colwell, Bill Gosselin, Donna Perkins and Richard Stanton.

Approval of June 13, 2017 Draft Minutes:

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch to accept the minutes as presented.*** The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote, called by the Chair.

New Business:

Consideration of Wetlands Permit Application”

“Minor Impact Wetland Permit Application for Alan and Donna M. Perkins, 4 Dancer’s Image Lane, North Hampton, NH”

Mr. Corey Colwell presented the application. The impact is needed to provide river access via construction of a 6’x60’ wooden boardwalk adjacent to the Little River, including a 5’x16’ float on the river. The proposed boardwalk is 360 square feet and will be constructed on pilings. The boardwalk itself will sit 6’ above the ground. The surface area of wetlands and the Little River that will be impacted by the project is 440 square feet.

Resident Bill Gosselin asked whether the land (located at 4 Dancer’s Image Lane) is conservation land. Mr. Gosselin received a response that the land is privately owned by Alan and Donna Perkins and that the land is not conservation land.

Resident Richard Stanton of 108 Walnut Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

After some discussion, the Commission did not find the plans to be detrimental to the environment, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch to authorize the Chair to draft a letter to the DES conveying that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the plans and does not object to the plan provided the plan is executed as presented and the project is built to comply with DES rules and regulations.*** The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote, called by the Chair.

Correspondence:

Discussion of Management Plan for Forest Hills Farm

The Commission will review and discuss a draft of the Management Plan to include the draft completed by the Commission in 2016, the July 2017 FB Environmental report, and a table of contents which lists all required items per the terms of the conservation easement.

The chair will contact Kevin Ryan to discuss how best to eradicate the small patch of the invasive barberry that was noted in the FB Environmental report and whether FB Environmental is able to recommend someone who specializes in removal of invasive species.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update

Andrew Vorkink reported that the owner of the Lamprey Farm conservation easement plans to update and install a metal roof on the barn, finish the grade so that equipment can enter the barn without having a lift between the barn and the ground, install new fencing in the paddock to keep the sheep on the property. A pig pen has been installed, three acres of corn have been planted, and construction is proceeding on the south side of the barn stalls for animals grazing for access to enter and exit the barn.

Correspondence:

The Chair received correspondence from Jay Diener about SB185, relative to the Coastal Risks and Hazards Report. The bill addressed ways for communities to take steps to mitigate the effects of coastal flooding.

20 Chapel Road:

In view of SB185 and the Coastal Risks and Hazards Report, it was suggested that the Chair contact Paul Apple to request placing land located at 20 Chapel Road into conservation and draft a letter to the Select Board to request the item be

added to an upcoming Select Board agenda. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, that the Conservation Commission endorses taking further action and requesting that the Select Board place 20 Chapel Road into permanent conservation.*** The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote, called by the Chair.

Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to enter into a non-public session to discuss compensation of an employee.

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote at 8:25 p.m., called by the Chair.

The Public Session reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Other Business:

Lisa Wilson and Kathy Grant suggested hosting an open house at the Town Hall on October 10 2017 to honor and thank Chris Ganotis for his service to the town. Lisa is awaiting response from Chris to confirm date.

Kathy Grant suggested commissioners review the Rand property trail map prepared by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. Members also suggested that the Boy Scouts consider making a video of conservation trails for a future Boy Scout project.

The Chair will contact Jan Facella to update the Conservation Commission website page and to add current conservation members to the site.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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