

Town of North Hampton Conservation Commission

Subcommittee on Easements

Minutes of Meeting November 28, 2017 DRAFT

Mary Herbert Room

Administrative Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 pm. Present were Andrew Vorkink (Subcommittee Chair), Kathy Grant, Lisa Wilson and Philip Thayer, constituting a quorum. The meeting was duly posted.

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of May 3, 2016

After review of the draft minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, seconded by Kathy Grant, to accept the minutes as drafted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Working session on monitoring of conservation easements in accordance with Subcommittee workplan of March 31, 2015

The meetingdiscussedprioritizing monitoring of easements into categories, with emphasis on easements where the Commission or Town holds the enforcement rights and the owner of the land is private. Also discussed were those easements where the Commission or Town holds the enforcement rights and the owner is the Commission or Town. In view of the increased use of aerial surveys by land trusts for first level monitoring, the Subcommittee discussed setting up a monitoring program using aerial imaging, with follow up monitoring to be done on the ground as issues are identified. Assignments would be given to members of the Commission of parcels to be monitored.

New Business

The issue of a dog park was discussed in view of an inquiry from the interim town administrator. If unencumbered land owned by the town cannot be located and there is sufficient interest within the community, it was discussed whether any designated conservation land could be identified where location of a dog park would be consistent with the terms of the conservation easement.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Andrew Vorkink, Subcommittee Chair.

These minutes were prepared within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 2, 11 and will be final only when approved at a subsequent meeting of the Subcommittee.