

DRAFTs
North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Mike Lynch and Andrew Vorkink. Philip Thayer joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the public included Corey Colwell, Alan Perkins and Donna Perkins.

Approval of August 8, 2017 Draft Minutes

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to accept the minutes as presented.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Wetlands Permit Application for Alan and Donna Perkins, 4 Dancer's Image

Lane: Mr. Corey Colwell was invited by the Chair to explain to the commissioners why the proposed project is not located on conservation land. The boardwalk and dock are not on the conservation easement. The Conservation Commission has no objection to the wetlands permit application.

NHDES Minimum Expedited Wetlands Permit, 6 Pine Road:

An application for Jonathan Klandrud of 6 Pine Road in North Hampton, NH had been submitted for replacement of an existing timber retaining wall which is failing and wanted to replace it with a block wall. Paige Libbey, of Jones and Beach Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the applicant notified the Chair via email that the applicant decided not to pursue the project and that the applicant was not going to present the application at the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Conservation Commission.

Request by David O'Hearn, Field of Dreams Mowing:

David O'Hearn requested to bid on mowing conservation land. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to authorize the Chair, Lisa Wilson to solicit bids from at least two potential bidders and to make a decision on factors of price and timing for the Dustin Booker property and the community garden.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Philip Thayer suggested organizing a Volunteer Day as part of a community outreach program for townspeople to help maintain public trails and conservation land.

Request by North Hampton Resident to serve on the Commission:

A resident is interested in serving on the Commission, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Allyson Ryder was not able to attend the September 12, 2017 meeting, but said she will be available to attend the October 10, 2017 meeting of the Conservation Commission to introduce herself to the Commission and answer questions for consideration of her appointment. The Chair informed the public that the Commission has openings for alternate positions.

Old Business

Draft Management Plan of Forest Hills Farm:

The draft was reviewed and revised by the Commission. The Chair will send the final draft to Deborah Goard, of the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to authorize Lisa Wilson for any changes needed to be made to finalize the document.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion ensued about finding community resources to help maintain conservation land. Shep Kroner suggested reaching out to companies such as Timberland and Liberty Mutual that have company programs to help towns organize volunteer efforts. The Commission discussed the need for more community outreach and the need to better engage, recruit, and organize volunteers to help maintain public trails and conservation land.

Removal of Japanese Barberry at Forest Hills Farm Update:

The Chair contacted Tracy Degnan of the RCCD and Kevin Ryan of FB Environmental to discuss professionals best suited to help eradicate two small patches of the invasive Japanese Barberry. Tracy Degnan from the RCCD will be visiting the site on Friday, September 15, 2017 to recommend a plan for removal.

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update:

20 Chapel Road: On August 28, 2017, the Select Board approved and signed *Declaration of Protective Covenants* to preserve in perpetuity land at 20 Chapel Road. The Chair signed the document, will request a date correction on existing document (correct from 8.8 2017 to 8.28.2017), and deliver the signed document to Town Administrator to then file at Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Andy Vorkink contacted Robert Pruyne of Rockingham Planning Commission of NH (RPC) to update and correct the Conservation Map.

Correspondence:

The Chair received the following correspondence:

NHDES: 120 Mill Road, North Hampton, NH; DES investigation of possible wetlands violations

Status Report: Rockingham County Conservation District, 3 Park Circle, North Hampton, NH; 2017 Conservation Easement Monitoring/Stewardship Report for 93 Exeter Road in North Hampton, NH

Save the Date: On Saturday, November 4, 2017 NHACC will hold their 47th Annual Meeting and Conference entitled "The Synergy Behind Land Conservation". Sylvia Bates, Director of Standards and Educational Services, Land Trust Alliance will be the featured speaker. Members of the Commission are invited to attend and the Commission will reimburse members for costs associated with attending the meeting.

Other Business:

Film: *Tidewater*, Dover High School, September 25, 2017; Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shep Kroner mentioned the new film presented by the NH Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission.

The Chair reported that an open house that was tentatively scheduled to thank Chris Ganotis for his service has been cancelled because Chris is not able to attend the event on that date.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore

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