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North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023

**Administrative:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. via Channel 22 from the Town Hall. The agenda was posted in Compliance with RSA 91A requirements.

**Roll Call: Members present:** Lisa Wilson, (Chair), Kathy Grant, (Co-Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Dave Cicalone, Audrey Prior, and Phil Thayer.

**Approval of August 8, 2023 Draft Minutes:** After review of the June 13, 2023 minutes, *a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with Andy Vorkink abstaining.

**Old Business:**

**Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update:** Kate Dardinski installed the first 100 feet of bog bridges along the Forest Hills Farm access easement and at the Town Forest. Kate plans to remove the overgrown vegetation and mark the trails.

**Trail Maintenance:** Marc Larivier has moved the Community Garden. Phil Thayer will submit an invoice for the work.

**Conservation Signage:** The Commission thanks John Hubbard and the Department of Public Works for doing such a beautiful job installing the Town Forest gate. The new road sign for Dustin-Booker Farm is in production and Arrete Industries notified the Commission that the casting is now complete and the sign is ready to be painted. Once the sign is finished the Commission will be notified of the shipment dates. Files have been submitted to Sharper Printing for additional Town Forest and Forest Hills Farm signage to inform the public that motorized vehicles are not permitted on those parcels. The town also received an invoice for \$325 payable to Northeast Farm and Fence for the Steelmax gate that was installed at the Town Forest.

**Correspondence:**

**August 23, 2023: Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) Conservation Easement Aerial Monitoring/Stewardship Report for the following parcels:** Dalton Easement; Donais conservation land; Jeppesen/Old Road Farm conservation land; Robie Easement; Corbett Easement; & Dupont Easement. The RCCD reported that no areas of concern were noted from the aerial monitoring.

**September 1, 2023: Letter from Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT):** Formal approval letter for the *August 2023 Addendum to the 2017 Forest Hills Farm Management Plan*. The NHDES SPN permit will soon be submitted for approval for additional work at Forest Hills Farm.

**Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II(d):** *A motion was made by Audrey Prior, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to move into Non-Public Session for consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public,*

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***would likely benefit a party whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.*** Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

The public meeting adjourned to enter in non-public session at 7:11 p.m.

**The Commission entered into non-public session at 7:12 p.m.**

**Non-Public Session Members Present:** Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice-Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior; Phil Thayer, Dave Ciccalone.

***A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to leave the Non-Public Session at 8:10 p.m.*** Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

The public session reconvened at 8:11 p.m. ***A motion was made by Kathy Grant and seconded by Phil Thayer to seal the minutes because divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective.*** Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

The public session adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Lisa Wilson, Chair*

***“These minutes were prepared within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by the majority vote by the Commission.”***