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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2016

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91A requirements.

Roll Call

Attendance included Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lisa Wilson (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen, Shep Kroner and Andrew Vorkink via telephone. Members of the public included Steve Brinker, Wetland Scientist and Joe Mulledy of Ambit Engineering, Inc.

New Business

UNH Cooperative Extension Survey Discussion

Discussion tabled as Madeleine Dilonna did not attend tonight's meeting.

Ambit Engineering, Inc. – Greystone Village Subdivision Expansion

Joe Mulledy and Steve Brinker presented a subdivision plan for a 7 home site expansion at Greystone Village. Ambit has applied for a conditional use permit from Planning Board, filing in excess of 3,000 square feet of wetland area for the construction of a road and associated drainage conveyance and stormwater BMP's. Approximately 47,000 square feet of wetland are proposed to be filled. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to table this matter until the Commission has reviewed the proposal, easement, original plan and a possible sitewalk.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote, but with Russell recusing himself from the vote.

FB Environmental Proposals

Little River Quality Testing

Due to the current drought, very few samples will be obtained until wet weather restores stream and river flow.

DES_EPA Watershed 319 Grant Implementation Phase: Septic Systems Management and DES Update

There are high levels of bacterial contamination near the Hampton/ North Hampton boundary in Hampton's Huckleberry neighborhood. Sampling was not available at the Pine Road/ Mill Road due to no flow conditions. Sampling at the BCH 17 culvert off of South Road indicated high levels. Contamination levels were high and need to be focused its sources. The Chair highlighted topics discussed at the DES meeting: to conduct a more comprehensive septic systems data base for the watershed , septic system evaluations , surface water run off curtailment, water quality monitoring, septic system management practices and a public outreach program with workshops to discuss septic system information with homeowners living near contamination hot spots. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to request that the Chair distribute a proposed draft scope of work for a DES 319 grant application and that board members be prepared to make a recommendation to the Select Board decision at the next meeting.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Winnicut Watershed Project Start Up Meeting on August 24

A meeting will be held at the Town Hall in North Hampton to discuss the Winnicut River Watershed Management Plan on August 24 with the NH Rivers Council, consultants and representatives of Towns in the watershed.

Town Public Safety Complex Site

The Select Board is considering several site options near Rt 1 for a Town Public Safety Complex Site. One option proposed to the Select Board on July 25 was a conservation parcel, Map 7, Lot 53 behind Lafayette Crossings Outlet Mall. No site decision has yet been made.

Andrew Vorkink explained what Commission members need to know regarding the process of conservation easements being amended or terminated for purposes other than conservation. The Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division guidelines on amending/terminating conservation easements was discussed.

Old Business

Luff Conservation Parcels Stewardship Plan Proposal Update

Lisa Wilson has prepared a draft stewardship plan for the SE Land Trust to comply with the easement which the Land Trust holds. The Commission will seek recommendations from the land trust on the draft. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Kathy Grant***, that the draft version of Forest Hill Farm be directed to the SE land Trust for their review and recommendations on the draft. ***The motion carried with a unanimous vote.***

Easement Sub-Committee Update on Deed Reviews

The Chair gave an update of Select Board approvals on July 25 for Category A& C parcels, with need of documentation for the Town to transfer the control and management of the parcels to the Commission. A rest area for Rail to trails was suggested for a Category B parcel. ***A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, that the Commission accept the approvals of the Select Board for the deed restrictions deed to be recorded for all applicable documents.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Recommendation for two Category C Parcels

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to accept the recommendation of the Select Board to omit the no hunting restrictions in the draft deed restrictions for parcels 14-167 and 14-69.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Pending Request to Place Parcel in Conservation

by Mr. John Cafarella Behind Tax Map 17 Lot 77 41 North Road

This issue is still pending.

Seacoast Roundtable of Conservation Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on August 8. Discussion included Hampton taking land out of conservation for a medical facility on a small part of a conservation parcel. This has not yet been approved by the Hampton Select Board. Also discussed were outreach programs for issues with conservation commissions on proper wetland delineations.

Consideration of Minutes of July 12, 2016

After review of the July 12 meeting minutes, ***a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to accept the minutes as written.*** The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with two abstentions.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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