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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2019

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Lauri Etela, Mike Lynch, Allyson Ryder, and Andrew Vorkink.

Members of the Public: Audrey Prior and Phil Wilson, residents.

Approval of April 9, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes:

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Mike Lynch, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono, to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes as written.*** The motion carried.

New Business:

Election of Conservation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair: After some discussion, ***A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to nominate Lisa Wilson as Chair.*** The motion carried. ***A motion was then made by Frank Arcidiacono, duly seconded by Allyson Ryder to nominate Kathy Grant as Vice-Chair.*** The motion carried.

Election of Conservation Commission Conservation Easement Subcommittee Chair:

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Andrew Vorkink as Sub-Committee Chair. The motion carried.

Consideration for Nomination for Appointment to the Conservation Commission Audrey Prior, town resident and student at UNH expressed her interest in becoming an Alternate Member on the Conservation Commission. ***After some discussion, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to nominate and recommend to the Select Board Audrey Prior as an Alternate Member on the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire in 2022.*** The motion carried.

Topics to be Discussed at June 12, 2019 Land Use Boards Summit Meeting: The Commission discussed two main topics: Preserving North Hampton's water quality and natural resources and conservation land use and maintenance. The Commission discussed a wide-range of objectives to include ways to protect water resources, discussion of a septic system pump-out regulation, trail maintenance, public access, and use of conservation land.

Discuss Agricultural Commission's Request for Planting Locations: Kathy Grant reported on possible options for agricultural plantings on conservation land. The Commission awaits more information about the Agricultural Commission's potential proposals.

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andrew Vorkink reported that the deed from Higginson lot line adjustment has been filed by the Town. The cost was under \$10,000. Andy also reported that a complaint was received from Greystone Village residents regarding a bridge built on privately owned conservation land in North Hampton. Upon inspection, the

adjoining landowner mistakenly thought the bridge (moveable design) was on their land. The parties have been advised to move the bridge.

Trail Maintenance: The Girl Scouts have expressed an interest in cleaning up conservation land trails. The Commission encouraged their involvement. Kathy Grant reported that she and her son Ryan cleaned up areas of the Dalton Town Forest trail, which is open to the public.

Access to Little River Conservancy (Higginson Conservation Land): Conservation members and members of the public walked the Higginson land on April 14. The Commission will consider engaging SCA Corps to help build a trail from Woodland Road to the Conservancy. Lisa Wilson and members of the Commission thanked Andy Vorkink for his work throughout the year to achieve public access from Woodland Road to this beautiful parcel of conservation land.

Correspondence:

Email dated May 9, 2019: forwarded to the Conservation Commission from Laura Diemer (F.B. Environmental) from Sally Soule (NH DES) to discuss next steps to try to determine the source of pollution near Little River. DES plans to sample on **June 10th starting at 9:30 AM** during a mid-morning low tide. The samples are scheduled during a dry weather period: if it rains in the three days prior to sampling, DES will reschedule. DES offered to meet a representative of the Conservation Commission and or the building inspector prior to sampling. Meeting location will be at parking lot of the state beach at 9:30 AM – near the state vehicle which will be parked at the beach.

Other Business: Frank Arcidiacono will contact Bryan Kaenrath about how best to move forward to try to remedy the Philbrick Pond drainage issue.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Mike Lynch, seconded by Allison Ryder to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

"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."