

January 9, 2024 Minutes for Non-Public Meeting of the Conservation Commission

Motion to enter Non-public Session by Kathy Grant, seconded by Audrey Prior at approximately 8:04 p.m. Roll call vote by members present: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lisa Wilson, Dave Ciccalone Yes, Audrey Prior, Yes,. The Motion Passed.

RSA 91-A:3, II(d) *Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.*

Non-Public Session Members Present: Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice-Chair), Andy Vorkink, Audrey Prior, Dave Ciccalone. Beverly Moore, Recording Secretary, Jay Chabot, and Jennifer Kotzen.

The Commission discussed the possible acquisition of Map 2-78, a lot within the 12 Shares, approximately four acres comprised of sensitive wetlands and uplands, and adjacent to and within close proximity to existing conservation land. The Batchelder family agreed to sell the lot to the Commission for its appraised value of \$14,800. It was noted that NHF purchased the UCC parcel within the 12 Shares for its appraised value. Andy Vorkink and Lisa Wilson described the nature of the parcels within the 12 shares, and Andy presented maps and pointed out the points of access from White's Lane and the Hampton Town Forest. It was noted that Hampton and North Hampton recognize that the land encompassing the 12 shares is important to conserve of for its ecological importance and for regional recreational activities. Conserving this parcel, within closed proximity to Aquarion Water wells, will help protect the towns' water resources.

The Commission discussed that the acquisition of Map 2, Lot 78 offers the opportunity to expand upon an existing trail network within Hampton's 12 Shares and its Hampton Town Forest to improve upon existing pathways and bicycle trails between Hampton and North Hampton. The Hampton Conservation Commission and the Hampton Conservation Coordinator were very enthusiastic about the prospect of expanding and improving upon this regional trail network into North Hampton. The 12 shares are parcels containing wetlands and uplands, including "Shiprock," one of the largest, if not the largest granite outcropping along the NH seacoast.

A motion was made by Andy Vorkink, duly seconded by Dave Ciccalone to authorize the chair to consult with the Select Board about the prospective acquisition, to proceed with the negotiations with the seller, to engage Michele Peckham to draft a purchase and sale agreement, modeled after the NHF UCC P & S agreement along with the necessary legal documentation, and to authorize an expenditure up to \$20,000 to complete the acquisition following the required public hearing and the approval by the Select Board. Roll call vote by members present: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lisa Wilson, Dave Ciccalone Yes, Audrey Prior, Yes. The Motion Passed.

A motion was made to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Lisa Wilson, seconded by Andy Vorkink at 9:11 p.m. The Motion Passed.

Public session reconvened at approximately 9:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Audrey Prior to seal the minutes because divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote by members present: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lisa Wilson, Dave Ciccalone Yes, Audrey Prior, Yes. The Motion Passed.

These minutes were recorded by Beverly Moore, Recording Secretary

These minutes were prepared within 72 hours of the Non-Public Session as prescribed under RSA 91-A.