

Minutes, Non-Public Session, 10.13.20, North Hampton Town Hall

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kath Grant (Vice Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Frank Arcidiacono; Audrey Prior, Dave Ciccalone

Motion to enter into Nonpublic Session made by **Lisa Wilson** seconded by **Audrey Prior** pursuant to: **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.*

Roll call vote to enter nonpublic session: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lauri Etela, Yes; Frank Arcidiacono, Yes; Audrey Prior, Yes; Dave Ciccalone, Yes. The Motion Passed.

The Commission entered into Nonpublic Session II at approximately 7:42 p.m.

The Commission received an inquiry from the SELT about a parcel of land off of North Road owned by Walt Nordstrom who resides in Fishers, Indiana. Mr. Walt Nordstrom expressed an interest in donating conservation land to the town. Mr. Nordstrom would like to donate approximately 37 acres of conservation land in return for help from the Conservation Commission by incurring the expenses to pursue the steps that are required to subdivide the land to create the 3-acre building lot and 37-acre conservation parcel. Mr. Nordstrom would find it very helpful for the town to waive any current use penalties and would like to name the property after a member of his family.

Mr. Nordstrom wants to sell as a house lot the front 3 acre portion of his property and conserve the remainder which is just over 37 acres (Map 17, Lot 71).

This is a grandfathered lot that is exempt from the 100-foot wetlands setback because it existed prior to 2003.

The Commission discussed providing public access where a fire road owns off of North Road. The parcel has important resource characteristics.

The SELT shares the following project narrative with the Commission and determined through a project evaluation that:

22.1 acres (59%) is Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region and 10.8 acres (29%) is ranked as supporting landscape by the Wildlife Action Plan.

31.8 acres are in the Upper Little River core Focus Area and Landscape of The Land Conservation Plan For New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds.

9.2 acres of property lie within Connectivity Corridor of Connect the Coast and 22.35 acres of property lie within Upper Little River Prioritized Habitat Block of Connect the Coast.

Mr. Nordstrom expressed an interest in either donating the land to the Town or building on the lot and creating a conservation easement. The Commission discussed that it would rather own the land with public access.

After some discussion a motion was made to authorize Andy Vorkink and Lisa Wilson to contact Mr. Nordstrom to discuss the possibility of his donating conservation land to the Town and if so to discuss with Mr. Nordstrom how best to proceed with the acquisition.

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Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Lisa Wilson and seconded by Lauri Etela. Roll call vote to leave nonpublic session: Lisa Wilson *Yes*, Kathy Grant, *Yes*; Andy Vorkink, *Yes*; Lauri Etela, *Yes*; Frank Arcidiacono, *Yes*; Audrey Prior, *Yes*; Dave Ciccalone, *Yes*. The Motion Passed.

Public session reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Motion to seal these minutes by Lauri Etela and seconded by Kathy Grant because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote to leave nonpublic session: Lisa Wilson *Yes*, Kathy Grant, *Yes*; Andy Vorkink, *Yes*; Lauri Etela, *Yes*; Frank Arcidiacono, *Yes*; Audrey Prior, *Yes*; Dave Ciccalone, *Yes*. The Motion Passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Lisa Wilson, Chair, North Hampton Conservation Commission

“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.
