

Draft
North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior, and Philip Thayer.

Approval of January 23, 2020 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to approve the minutes.* The motion carried with Lisa Wilson abstaining.

New Business:

Schedule Site Walk with SCA Corps Representative to Review Proposed Little River Conservancy Access Project: The North Hampton Conservation Commission discussed conducting a site walk with the SCA Corps to construct an approximate 4000 linear foot trail across upland and wetlands terrain to a 24 acres conservancy parcel called Little River Conservancy. SCA Corps Representative Zachary Colatch will join the Commission to determine the scope of the project. The Commission discussed inviting Eben Lewis, NHDES, to help guide the Commission during the permitting process. The Commission scheduled the site walk on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Lisa Wilson will confirm the date with Zachary, invite Eben Lewis to attend, and will post a quorum notice.

Review Contract to Complete Septic System Database: Lisa Wilson discussed the terms of the contract with Jenn Rowden last week. The scope of work to be completed is identical to the scope of work outlined for the 604 b grant application. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract.* The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: In 2019 protective covenants have been placed on approximately 31 acres of conservation land and an additional 40 acres of land conservation restrictions were strengthened, all to be added to the *Conservation Land Database*. Kathy Grant will add the properties along with the book and page numbers to the database.

Trail Maintenance Update: The Conservation Commission received a letter from a homeowner who abuts the 57 Woodland conservation land. The resident wishes to clear brush deemed to be a fire hazard. The Commission will consult with the SELT to determine whether the SELT, the easement holder, will permit clearing. Lisa Wilson will

notify the landowner that the Commission must first notify the SELT and will schedule a site walk with SELT and the homeowner's landscaper.

Conservation Signage: Lisa Wilson received tentative estimates for permanent, maintenance free signage for the Booker Farm and Little River Conservancy. The signs will be of the same design and materials as those installed at the Corbett Farm and Old Road Farm. Lisa hopes that templates of the signs will be ready for the March meeting.

Trail Maintenance: Lisa suggested budgeting for future maintenance. Phil will help to assess the amount of work that needs to be done.

Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Update: Frank Arcidiacono reported that approval from two property owners were obtained to begin survey work to proceed with the recommendation to replace the cobble weir adjacent to the culvert which crosses under Ocean Boulevard with a slab configuration to improve the health of the marsh and to improve drainage during low tide. The next steps include the marking of the wetlands by a soil scientist and exploring ways to fund construction of the potential project to replace the cobble weir. When more information is available, a public meeting will be held in North Hampton to discuss the project. Lisa thanked Frank for his hard work on this project.

Correspondence:

Rockingham County Conservation District, January 2020 Monitoring Report: Donais Easement, 45 Walnut Avenue. The RCCD reported that there were no infractions.

Southeast Land Trust (SELT): The Conservation Commission received a thank you anniversary note from SELT to commemorate working with the Conservation Commission for 13 years to monitor Forest Hills Farm and the Little River conservation land.

The Conservation Commission received copies of recorded legal documents for the following properties: Notice of Waiver of Lease Agreement: Tax Map 9, Lot 3.

Declaration of Protective Covenants: Tax Map 9, Lot 52; Tax Map 21, Lot 44; Tax Map 9, Lot 3; Tax Map 9, Lot 53; Tax Map 14, Lot 168; Tax Map 15, Lot 12; Tax Map 17, Lot 24; Tax Map 17, Lot 100.

Other Business: Lisa Wilson asked whether Commissioners had a chance to submit comments about the Natural Resource Inventory draft to Jenn Rowden. Lisa suggested revisions to include more proactive wetlands protection recommendations to serve as a future guide for boards and commissions. Lisa reiterated the sentiments of the Commission that the primary goal of the NRI is to develop recommendations to protect North Hampton's water resources to share with town boards and commissions. Lisa also recommended adding more detailed information about town conservation land and trails that are open to the public. The Commission will aim to submit any revisions to

Jenn by the April meeting or sooner if possible. Once the Commission approves the first draft, the Planning Board will have the opportunity to review the draft.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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