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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Shirley Carter
May 9, 1927 – February 7, 2019

The Conservation Commission expressed its condolences to the Carter and Thayer families on the passing of Shirley Carter. Shirley served on the Conservation Commission for many years and was a beloved member of the community.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Shep Kroner, Phil Thayer, and Frank Arcidiacono.

Members of Public: Joseph Coronati, Jim Gove, Brent Flemming.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of December 11, 2018 Draft Minutes: *After some discussion, a motion made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Phil Thayer to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes.*
The motion carried.

New Business:

- A. UNH: Community and Environmental Planning:** Rick Milner, North Hampton Planning and Zoning Administrator, explained how the UNH Internship mapping project is to be completed by Stephanie Gardner. Stephanie will provide to NH GRANIT maps the necessary data to create maps that identify the conservation land in Town. The updated Granit maps will better enable the Rockingham Planning Commission to update future maps. With the additional information, the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) GIS specialist will more accurately overlay conservation parcels on to the Town's tax map. Commissioners questioned how Google Earth acquires information to denote corner markings for certain parcels. The Commission would like to gather more information from Google Earth to learn how to view corner markings, if available, to better identify conservation land boundaries from GIS coordinates.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Frank Arcidiacono, duly seconded by Phil Thayer to authorize Stephanie Gardner to complete the work. The motion carried.

- B. Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit Application, 58 Lafayette Road, North Hampton, NH; Tax Map 7, Lot 118; JBE Project No. 14129:** Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc., on behalf of I & M Realty, LLC, proposes to fill in excess of 3000 square feet for a 26,700 square feet wetland buffer impact in order to construct a building within the 12,120 square feet building footprint. Joseph Coronati presented the proposed project to the Commission and detailed how the improvements on the site would improve the drainage and the flow of water within the wetland buffer. The plans for the project depict a reduction of the impervious surface by 6,727 square feet over existing conditions.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Andy Vorkink, duly seconded by Phil Thayer for the Chair to draft a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Conservation Commission feels in general the project as presented is an improvement over the existing conditions on the lot. The applicant plans to reduce the invasive species, reduce the amount of impervious surface within the wetland buffer over the current use, and better manage storm water run-off. The Commission recommends that any possibly contaminated surfaces and land areas to be excavated, are to be removed safely and in accordance with DES guidelines. The Commission also recommends that the Town's engineer review and verify the effectiveness of the storm water management and drainage plan. The motion carried.

- C. Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., application on behalf of Tuck Realty Corporation/Mr. Turner Porter for a Lot Line Adjustment and Conditional Use Application, Woodland Road, North Hampton, NH; Tax Map 11, Lots 10, 11, 12; Tax Map 12, Lots 10, 11; JBE Project No. 15173.1.** Joseph Coronati presented the application on behalf of the applicant. The applicant currently has five properties under agreement. Two of the properties have frontage on Woodland Road and three of them are landlocked properties. The applicant would like to adjust the property lines and consolidate parcels to create two buildable five acre lots with a shared driveway from an existing woods road off Woodland Road. Mr. Coronati explained that this property will need the approval of the Little Boar's Head Planning Board, variances from the Zoning Ordinance, and approval from the Planning Board.

The woods road is located within the wetland buffer and near wetlands. The Commission discussed the need for a site walk to better evaluate the site before commenting on the project. Mr. Coronati suggested to continue the application.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Andy Vorkink to request that the Conservation Commission accompany the Planning Board on a site walk should the Planning Board decide to schedule a site walk to review the property.

Old Business:

- A. Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update:** Andy Vorkink updated the Commission about the status of providing access to the Little River Nature Conservancy – the Higginson Parcel. The review and approval of the lot-line adjustment by the Planning Board is the final step toward completing the acquisition. (At the January 14, 2019 Public Hearing, the Select Board voted to approve the acquisition of the 15 feet wide and 220 feet long strip of land to access the conservation land.)
- B. Trail/Conservation Land Update:** Phil Thayer updated the Commission on the status of the Eagle Scout Project to help clear a trail on the Dustin property.
- C. Conservation Signs:** The Chair ordered 50 “No Hunting/North Hampton Conservation Land” signs, to be posted as weather and walking conditions permit.

Correspondence:

- A. Email dated January 16, 2019 from RCCD:** Forest Hills Farm – estimate for second follow up treatment and Special Permit to continue to eradicate invasive species. ***After some discussion, a motion was made by Andy Vorkink, duly seconded by Lauri Etela to approve an expenditure of \$700 for the RCCD to proceed with the second treatment to help eradicate invasive species at Forest Hills.***
- B. Invoice dated January 18, 2019 JBE; Project No. 18159** Contract 002 – Lot Line Adjustment survey work for the Little River Nature Conservancy. The Chair reported that the expenditure of \$549.90, was approved by the Commission and that the project to date is well under budget.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wilson, Chair*

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