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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Approval of February 11, 2020 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Audrey Prior, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to approve the minutes with one correction. (Land Maintenance Update subtitle instead of Trail Maintenance*** The motion carried with Andrew Vorkink abstaining.

New Business:

- A. NH DES Expedited (EXP) Minimum Impact Wetland Permit Application.** Dennis J Thompson of Northern New England Field Services, LLC was to have attended conservation meeting on behalf of Susan B. Moran of the Susan B. Moran Trust, 11 Ocean Boulevard and Douglas Barker Revocable Trust, 15 Ocean Boulevard, to perform maintenance work totaling 3000 square feet in the tidal buffer zone for the in-kind maintenance, in-kind repair and in-kind stabilization of an existing 675 lineal foot stone rip-rap revetment/sea wall. However, he was unable to attend due to the town voting. The permit is to expire on March 11, 2020 and an extension is being requested. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to approve the NH DES expedited minimum wetlands application and to authorize the Chair to sign the application.*** The motion carried.
- B. Consider Request to Clear Invasive Plants and Brush on Conservation Land located at 57 Woodland Avenue:** The Conservation Commission discussed the request to clear brush from the owner of the neighboring lot that abuts the North Hampton conservation land located at 57 Woodland Road.

Lisa Wilson and Lauri Etela attended the February 21, 2020 site visit with Mr. Kirk Ohlemeier, the landscaper of the lot owner, Ms. Alissa Bournival, the 59 Woodland Road lot owner, and a member of the lot owner's family. The Commission discussed the February 26, 2020 email to the Commission outlining both the recommendations from the Southeast Land Trust for clearing non-native invasive plants on conservation land and the conditions upon which SELT would permit such clearing. To prevent the spreading of the non-native invasive vegetation, the plants are to be removed from the site and disposed of following the guidelines recommended by the attached University of New Hampshire Cooperative pamphlet titled: *Methods for Disposing Non-Native Invasive Plants*.

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to approve a one-time removal of non-native invasive plants in accordance with SELT guidelines and approval on the 57 Woodland Road Little River conservation land within five feet of the 59 Woodland Road grass line to the extent the five feet is located on conservation land. The Commission approves this one-time removal with the understanding that SELT will monitor the site in early spring to document the work that has been done.*** The motion carried.

- C. Little Boar's Head Coastal Adaptation Master Plan Project:** Nominate a volunteer from the Conservation Commission to serve on the Steering Committee for the project. In January 2020,

Rockingham Planning Commission's (RPC) was awarded \$17,550 in grant funds from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to assist the Town of North Hampton and Little Boar's Head (LBH) Village District to develop a strategy to increase awareness of addressing coastal hazards across both jurisdictions through development of joint Master Plan chapters. The Select Board, Village District Commissioners, Town and Village Planning Boards, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission, and Emergency Management Director all agreed to fully participate in this project. The number of hours spent working on the project by the Steering Committee volunteers and other staff and town officials will help provide the required in-kind matching grant funds. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to nominate Lisa Wilson to serve on the Steering Committee, representing the Conservation Commission.*** The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Members of the Commission (Andy Vorkink, Phil Thayer, Kathy Grant, and Lisa Wilson) walked a potential trail to the Little River Conservancy with Zachery Colatch from the SCA Corps on February 19, 2020. Zach indicated that the project could be completed in a single-10 day hitch and will arrange a time in the spring to walk the trail to mark the route.

Conservation Signage: Lisa Wilson reported that she is working designs for signs and hopes that the templates will be ready for the April meeting.

Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Update: Frank Arcidiacono reported that funding from a number of potential sources for the project needs to be determined.

Natural Resources Inventory Update: The Commission is tasked with submitting photos and revisions and an introductory statement for the report.

Correspondence: Email dated February 18, 2020 from Eben Lewis, NH DES Pertaining to obtaining any necessary wetlands permits to construct trails that require wetlands crossings. SCA Corps noted that the Conservation Commission will be responsible for obtaining the necessary wetlands crossing permits. Eben Lewis provided the Commission with the required permitting application forms for trails.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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