

DRAFT
North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Lauri Etela, Shep Kroner, Mike Lynch, Allyson Ryder, Phil Thayer and Andrew Vorkink.

Approval of April 10, 2018 Draft Minutes

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Consideration of Request from North Hampton Resident to Serve on Conservation Commission: Mr. Frank Arcidiacona of Two Boutillier Lane, North Hampton, NH, requested to serve on the Commission. After introducing himself to the Commission and after some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Mr. Arcidiacona for consideration for a three-year term as an alternate member through 2021.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The Chair will send a letter to the Select Board on behalf of the Commission to recommend that the Select Board consider appointing Mr. Aridiacono to the Commission as an alternate member.

Water Quality Testing Proposal by FB Environmental Associates and Water Quality Testing Objectives: The town has allocated approximately \$10,000 for water quality testing. The Commission discussed how best to appropriate the funds. *A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to authorize the Chair to draft a letter to the Select Board to suggest that the Town may want to test for PFC's, PFOA's, PFOS's, Lead, MTBE, and Coliform bacteria (e Coli) in Little River near North Road, Spruce Meadow conservation land, and possibly near the railroad tracks on the northwestern side of Atlantic Avenue. In addition, the Town must follow-up with the Department of Public Works in Hampton to determine whether Hampton has identified the source of Coliform pollution, identified by FB Environmental Associates in 2017, from either a failed septic system or broken sewer pipe near Huckleberry Lane, Hampton, NH that flows toward the salt march and Little River Watershed in North Hampton.* The motion carried.

Old Business

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update

Regrading Runnymede Drive Conservation Land:

Phil Wilson, Treasurer of the Runnymede Drive Homeowners' Association, discussed the regrading of the conservation land which is used for agricultural purposes. The

Commission agreed that the Association does not require prior permission from the Commission because the work is consistent with the terms of the Conservation Easement.

Construction Adjacent to Conservation Land:

Andrew Vorkink noted the construction of two lots adjacent to the Old Road Farm conservation land (Map 7-2-4). The Commission is concerned that the town owned right of way running from Mill Road to the conservation area, which runs across the middle of these lots and Lot 7-2-3, is not to be compromised by construction, including the stone walls that border the right of way. The Commission considers the stone walls part of the right of way and removal or alteration of stonewalls is prohibited under RSA 472:6. Andrew Vorkink discussed the issue with the Town's building inspector.

Trail/Conservation Land Maintenance Update

Phil Thayer met with several contractors to assess the work needed to reopen the trail on the Dustin Farm conservation land. Don Knowles presented the lowest estimate of \$1,600.00 to create a 20 foot wide path on this conservation land off Buckskin Lane that would run straight out through the field back toward the Blue Trail. Mr. Knowles will plan to rototill the ground and remove the massive overgrowth. *A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to authorize Phil Thayer to engage the services of Don Knowles to clear the path for \$1,600 after Phil marks the area to be cleared.* The motioned carried with a unanimous vote.

Community Outreach: Trail Maps for Distribution to Residents

Allyson Ryder discussed promoting possibly four cleared trails to be highlighted on the printed trail maps to include Lafayette Crossing, Dalton Town Forest, Forest Hill Farm, and Corbett Farm. The Dalton Town Forest and Lafayette Crossing need to be brushed and cleared prior to any printing. Allyson suggested that the project might be completed by July of 2018.

Correspondence

NH DOT Letter Dated April 5, 2018

The Conservation Commission received a "Routine Roadway application to replace a Motor Rubble Masonry headwall located on Mill Road in North Hampton. Mill Road is included in the District paving schedule for the summer of 2018".

Other Business

Conservation Signs

The Commission discussed the need to purchase more signage for Conservation Land and the Chair and Vice-Chair shared with the Commission prototypes of possible designs for specific parcels. The Chair requested that Commissioners note specified conservation areas where additional signage may be needed.

Non-Public Session 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.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to change the order of the agenda to go into a Non-Public Session. The motion carried.

Lisa Wilson then took a Roll Call to enter Non-Public Session.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to enter into public session at 9:04 p.m. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant to return to public session. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to seal the minutes and return to public session at 9:43 p.m. The motion carried

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Allyson Ryder, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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