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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior and Andrew Vorkink.
Members of the Public: Christopher Swiniarski Esq., McLane Middleton.

Approval of August 13, 2019 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to approve the minutes as corrected.* The motion carried with Andrew Vorkink abstaining.

New Business:

Discussion of the Formation of a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Subcommittee:

Rather than form a subcommittee, a member suggested that the Chair serve as the liaison to work with Jenn Rowdern, RPC and the Conservation Commission to review the NRI. *A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to authorize the Chair to meet from time to time with Jenn Rowden, RPC to review the work that is necessary to complete the Natural Resource Inventory and to keep the Conservation Commission informed of the outcome of the discussions.* The motion carried.

Wetlands Permit Application: Property owner Joseph E. Bernardo and Marlene E. Bernardo, 3 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 001, Block 12. The owners seek to apply for a permit for the installation of aluminum and untreated pine fencing to restrict pedestrian traffic across dunes. Attorney Christopher Swiniarski was present to present the application and answer any questions. Andrew Vorkink raised a point of order to note, in part, a substantive disagreement between the applicant and the DES as to whether an existing fence is located within the sand dunes. The Conservation Commission discussed that it did not have enough information from the DES to render an opinion about the application. *A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to table the application until such time that it is referred back to the Commission by the DES.* The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update – Andrew Vorkink will report back on two pending matters at the October meeting.

Trail maintenance Update: Kathy Grant and Audrey Prior walked the Dustin-Booker Farm conservation land and reported that the trails and property looked very good following Christopher Holden's Eagle Scout project to clean-up the trail and the additional work to clear the land by Knowles Tree Company. The next goal is to post new signage on the conservation land.

Correspondance:

Email dated August 26, 2019 to the Conservation Commission from Jenn Rowden, RPC Senior Planner, to schedule the NRI Kick-Off Meeting. The Chair's response to Jenn Rowden's email was to first determine whether members of the Conservation Commission wanted to serve on a subcommittee to review and revise the Natural Resource Inventory before setting a date for the kick-off meeting.

Other Business:

Fall Newsletter – Submission Deadlaine: September 17, 2019

The Chair shared the draft of the fall newsletter with the Commissioners. Topics included thanking Christopher Holden for his Eagle Scout Project to clear a trail on the Dustin-Booker farm off Buckskin Lane, the RPC's application on behalf of the Town for a 604 b Water Quality Grant, and a brief explanation about the importance of maintaining septic systems.

Philbrick Pond Salt Marsh Drainage Update: Frank Arcidicano and Kathy Grant provided the Commission with an update from Kevin Lucey and Geoff Wilson. Mr. Lucey, Habitat Coordinator Coastal Program, Watershed Management Bureau, Water Division, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Mr. Wilson, Northeast Wetland Restoration, concur that future work should include plans to improve the drainage and health of the marsh. The Commission discussed the status of the project and Frank offered to contact Bryan Kaenrath and the Select Board to discuss possible next steps.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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