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North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019

Administrative:

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

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior and Andrew Vorkink.

Members of the Public: NH Certified Wetland Scientist/Permitting Specialist, Ambit Engineering, Inc

Approval of November 12, 2019 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to approve the minutes.*** The motion carried with Andrew Vorkink abstaining.

New Business:

NHDES After-the-Fact Minor Wetlands Application: Tax Map 6, Lot 148, 116 Mill Road, North Hampton, NH. Ambit Engineer Inc. on behalf of applicant Peter Horne submitted at the request of the NHDES an After-the-Fact Minor Wetlands Application request to permit 5,344 sq. ft. of permanent impact for the repair of the existing dam structure on the parcel. The repair components include installation of a temporary cofferdam, construction of new concrete cut off walls, concrete footings, a new trash rack and sluice gate, repairing of existing retaining wall "in-kind", placement of rock in spillways and installation of a barrier membrane on the upstream side of the dam. Steve Riker of Ambit Engineering presented the application and recounted a history of the dam and the attempts to repair the dam to date. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono for the Chair to draft a letter to NHDES stating that the Commission finds no objections to the After-the-Fact-Minor Wetlands Application for the 116 Mill Road dam as presented provided that all work complies with NHDES/State standards for the replacement and/or repair of dams.*** The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: The Chair thanked Andrew Vorkink for his work to place protective covenants on eight lots recommended by the Conservation Commission at the December 9, 2019 Select Board Public Hearing. Andy reported that Michelle Peckham is preparing the legal documents to be recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds to place protective covenants on approximately 31 acres of town-owned conservation land and tax acquired properties. The conservation land database and conservation maps will be updated to reflect the additional conservation acreage.

Trail Maintenance Update: Nothing to report at this time.

Conservation Signage: Lisa Wilson received a proposal for permanent signage for the Little River Conservancy and the Dustin-Booker Farm and will forward the proposal to the Commission for review in 2020.

Winter Newsletter Topic: The Chair plans to share information about the protection of North Hampton's water resources and will plan to submit photographs of the King Tide in Hampton and North Hampton to help increase public awareness of the need to plan for coastal resiliency and to inform the public of the purpose of the Natural Resource Inventory and Septic System Database.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Kathy Grant to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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