

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes (Approved 2.11.20)
January 23, 2020

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior and Phil Thayer.

Rockingham Planning Commission: Jenn Rowden, Senior Planner

Approval of December 10, 2019 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to approve the minutes.* The motion carried with Phillip Thayer abstaining.

New Business:

Review of the Natural Resources Inventory Draft: Jenn Rowden discussed with the Commission the purpose of the NRI to include:

1. Maps and description of significant natural resources in North Hampton;
2. Identification of areas of high ecological value at the local, regional and state level;
3. Recommendation for the protection and management of natural resources in North Hampton;
4. Incorporation of relevant reports and studies regarding natural resources in North Hampton into one document.

The Commission proceeded to review and discuss the components of the NRI to include the natural resource and wetlands maps, water and agricultural resources, natural and plant communities, and wildlife habitats.

The Commissioners discussed the draft and provided comments. Jenn asked that the Commission draft an introduction, provide photos, and additional comments in writing for review and discussion. In addition, Jenn would like a statement that captures the desirable characteristics of the Town. The next step in the process is for the Planning Board to review the document with the Conservation Commission.

Old Business:

Philbrick Pond Update: Frank reported that permission is needed from one other landowner to proceed with the design phase for the replacement of the cobble weir with a slab configuration to improve marsh health and to provide better low tide drainage at Philbrick Pond. Frank also mentioned that he tried to contact Keri Neal from the Natural Resource Conservation Service to determine whether Ms. Neal will schedule a time to assess the Philbrick Pond Drainage issue to determine whether federal funding will be available for future work.

There was nothing to report under Conservation Easement Subcommittee update, signage, and trail maintenance.

Monitoring Reports: The RCCD reported vehicular tire tracks and noted that trash bags were found on the Corbett property. Kathy investigated the site and disposed of the trash. The Commission noted that the tire tracks are likely the result of vehicles belonging to landowners that are permitted access along the woods road. The Chair will draft a letter to the RCCD noting that the Commission reviewed the report, that the conservation easement allows for vehicular access along the woods road for landowner access, and that a member of the Conservation Commission removed the trash.

Other Business:

Septic System Database Contract: The Commission will review the contract during the February meeting.

Trail Signage: Frank shared a conservation trail pamphlet from the Atkinson Conservation Commission which can be linked through a QR code to the AllTrails app. The AllTrails App is a free service which allows communities to provide trail information for all to use. Dennis Krause, who is a member of the Atkinson Commission, offered to help set up a link to the site if the Commission is interested. The App can include details such as photos, elevations, trail length, and any other pertinent information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 **p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wilson, Chair