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North Hampton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023

Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. via Channel 22 from the Town Hall. The agenda was posted in Compliance with RSA 91-A requirements.

Roll Call: Members present: Lisa Wilson, (Chair), Dave Cicalone, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior and Phil Thayer. **Members of the public:** Ms.Dube and Chris Albert.

Approval of December 13, 2022 Draft Minutes: After review of the December 13, 2022 minutes, *a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Phil Thayer.* The motion carried.

New Business:

Conditional Use Permit Application: On behalf of applicant Brian Dube, 77 Post Road, Tax Map 8/Lots 100, 101; Residential R-1 Zone/Wetland Conservation District/Aquifer Protection (Wellhead), Chris Albert, Environmental Consultants, LLC., presented plans for review by the Commission. Mr. Dube proposed to build a single-family home and septic system on Lot 101. The Commission recommended that the applicant comply with NH DES recommendations within wellhead protection areas to include the recommended sanitary protective radius for the proposed size single-family home. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to authorize the Chair to draft a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Commission reviewed the application for the single-family home to be located at 77 Post Road and that it recommends that the applicant comply with the guidelines outlined in the 2020 NH Environmental Fact Sheet for Wellhead protection areas. A copy of the fact sheet will be attached to the letter.* The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update – Nothing to report.

Trail Maintenance Update: Lisa Wilson reported that a fallen tree broke one of the bog bridges along the Oliver Brook Trail during the December 2022 wind storm. Phil Thayer noted that he will remove the fallen tree.

Rebecca Carlson, the NHS Curriculum Coordinator reported that the harvest work in the school's forest has come to its completion and the tree company has completed their cleanup. NHS asked for guidance from the Conservation Commission about best next steps for the proposed trail and water crossings for the school's forestry program. NHS hopes to partner with the town and seeks volunteers to begin the trail work before the end of this school year.

On February 6, 2023 Phil Thayer and Kathy Grant attended a site walk with school officials to offer guidance for the design of the proposed trail. Phil Thayer reported that the logging company did a good job cleaning up the site after the cutting and suggested that NHS contact John Hubbard, Director of Public Works, for advice and possible assistance to construct culverts for the water crossings.

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Conservation Signage: Lisa Wilson reported that the new signage has been delivered and that she will coordinate with Kate Dardinski to set up a plan to install them along the trails.

Other Business: None

Correspondence: On 12.21.22 the Commission received correspondence from the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) for monitoring the 23-acre Ruth Donais Conservation Easement. The RCCD reported that there were no areas of concern from the 2022 aerial imagery inspection.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Lauri Etela***, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Moore

Recording Secretary

“These minutes were prepared within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by the majority vote by the Commission”.