

## Draft Minutes

### North Hampton Conservation Commission Public Hearing, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. North Hampton Town Hall

**The North Hampton Conservation Commission and the North Hampton Select Board will Conducted a Joint Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 36-A: 4 and RSA 675:7.**

**Administrative:** The Conservation Commission called its Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:11 p.m. and recorded via Channel 22.

**Members Present:** Lisa Wilson, Chair, Kathy Grant, Vice Chair, Andy Vorkink, Dave Ciccalone, Audrey Prior, Jay Chabot, and Jennifer Kotzen.

***A motion was made by Kathy Grant and duly seconded by Dave Ciccalone to unseal and approve the minutes for the January 9, 2024 Non-Public Session of the Conservation Commission. The Motion Carried.***

During the January 9, 2024 Non-Public Session, the Commission discussed that the acquisition of a 4-acre parcel within North Hamptons 12 Shares (Map 2, Lot 78) for the appraised value of \$14,000. Conserving this parcel within closed proximity to Aquarion Water wells, will help protect the towns' water resources. Acquisition of the parcel will enhance the regional trail network between North Hampton and Hampton.

***The Commission authorized the chair to consult with the Select Board about the prospective acquisition, to proceed with the negotiations with the seller, to engage Michele Peckham to draft a purchase and sale agreement, modeled after the NHF UCC P & S agreement along with the necessary legal documentation, and to authorize an expenditure up to \$20,000 to complete the acquisition following the required public hearing and the approval by the Select Board.***

During the Public Hearing Andy Vorkink described the nature of the parcel, the points of access from White's Land and the Hampton Town Forest, and explained why this land within the 12 Shares is important to conserve for its ecological importance and regional recreational activities. Funds from the Conservation Commission Current Use account will be used as payment for this acquisition. This acquisition will have no effect on the town budget or tax rate.

***A motion was made by Audrey Prior and duly seconded by Jay Chabot to seek the approval of the Select Board to proceed with the acquisition. The Motion Carried.***

The Select Board approved the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Warranty Deed as presented.

The Conservation Commission adjourned its Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wilson, Chair

***These minutes were prepared within 72 hours of the Non-Public Session as prescribed under RSA 91-A.***