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### North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2022

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

**Roll Call: Members present:** Lisa Wilson, (Chair), Kathy Grant, (Vice Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Dave Ciccalone, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior, Phil Thayer and Andrew Vorkink. **Members of the Public:** Phil Wilson and Donna Etela.

**Approval of December 14, 2021 Draft Minutes:** After review of the December 14, 2021 minutes, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried, with Frank Arcidiacono and Dave Ciccalone abstaining.

**New Business: Septic System Inventory:** The Commission reviewed the example for the design of the spreadsheet and made some suggestions for improvements including listing the most vulnerable properties first, improving the coloring and shading for a number of maps, and working with the Tax Assessor and NH DES to periodically update the list.

**Old Business: Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update:** It was reported that threatening signage was posted on property abutting a town trail to discourage the public from accessing a segment of the trail. Phil Thayer accompanied the Police Chief and Town Administrator on a site walk to investigate the complaint. Following the site walk, the Police Chief spoke with the abutter of the property who agreed to remove the signage. The Commission thanked the North Hampton resident for notifying the Commission.

**Trail Maintenance Update:** Phil Thayer signed off on an Eagle Scout project to build a bridge on the Dustin-Booker Trail. The Commission discussed future projects and the need to add wood chips at the beginning of the Oliver Brook Trail. Phil Thayer will contact Knowles Tree Service for an estimate to provide and install the chips.

**Oliver Brook Trail Update:** Signage was delivered in December which is scheduled to be installed when the ground thaws.

**Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Update:** Frank Arcidiacono reported that Phase I of the project was completed the second week in February. John Hubbard will be contacted to install a sign by the road that acknowledges grant funds that were received from the Moose Plate Program to help fund the project. Goeff Wilson is in the process of evaluating the next steps for Phase II of the restoration project.

**Other Business:** The Select Board will be applying for a NH Watershed Assistance Grant to raise Old Locke Road and to construct a new box culvert to provide emergency access to approximately 40 residents who were stranded for three days during the 2006 Mother's Day flood. The 500 ft length of the road will be gradually be raised four feet. The Select Board asked

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that the Conservation Commission consider submitting a letter of recommendation in support of the project. Following discussion, including comments from Phil Wilson, a member of the public, the Commission will seek more information about the project and continue the discussion to the April meeting. The application for the grant funds is due on April 15.

**Correspondence:**

**December 14, 2021: Society for the protection of NH Forests:** Notice of 2021 monitoring in July was received.

**February 4, 2022: Rockingham County Conservation District Aerial Monitoring/Stewardship Reports:** Corbett, Jeppesen, Dupont, Donais & Dalton Easements: no issues were found.

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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 8:15 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.”***