

DRAFT
North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Lauri Etela, Shep Kroner, Mike Lynch, Allyson Ryder (alternate member seated in place of Shep Kroner), Phil Thayer and Andrew Vorkink. Shep Kroner arrived at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Reading: Preamble of the Code of Ethics

Lisa Wilson read the Preamble of the Code of Ethics.

Approval of March 13, 2018 Draft Minutes

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to accept the minutes as written with two minor corrections.*** The motion carried with Allyson Ryder abstaining.

New Business

Election of Conservation Commission Chair and Vice Chair

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to nominate Lisa Wilson as Chair of the Commission for 2018.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to nominate Kathy Grant as Vice Chair for 2018. The motion carried.

Consideration for Nomination Commissioners whose terms expire in 2018

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to nominate both Andy Vorkink and Mike Lynch to serve as regular members until 2021. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to send a letter to the Select Board to recommend the nominations of Andy Vorkink and Mike Lynch for appointment by the Select Board. The motion carried.

Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d)

Consideration of the acquisition, sale of lease of real or personal property, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. ***A motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by***

Allyson Ryder, to change the order of the agenda to enter into Non-Public Session at approximately 7:12 p.m.. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to enter into public session at 8:06 p.m. at the conclusion of the Non-Public Session. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to seal the minutes for the Non-Public Session to discuss a possible donation of conservation land. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion of Proposed NHDES “Draft Wetland Rules” pertaining to streamlining Dredge and Fill Applications

The DES has distributed the draft for public comment along with the Chair of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions about the proposed changes. Any comments to the DES must be received by April 20, 2018. The Chair will forward comments that concur with suggestions made by the Hew Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC). (Notes from March 2018 Conservation Commission meeting: the Conservation Commission would like the opportunity to continue to review applications within a more practical time frame that would permit adequate review by the Conservation Commission, but in time for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other entities to receive comments from the Conservation Commission prior to review of pending applications.)

Old Business

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update

Andrew Vorkink researched the terms of the conservation easements for the Spruce Meadow, Mill Place, and Ridgemont subdivisions. Andy is in the process of determining how those conservation easements are monitored by the respective homeowners’ associations.

Conservation Commission Website Revisions

Kathy Grant made changes discussed at the last meeting. Kathy discussed ways to improve the website including the need to list properties that have been put under conservation on the website.

Topic for Summer Community Newsletter

Suggestions for topics for the Summer Community Newsletter included the importance of proper maintenance of septic systems, mention of the fact that surface water run-off contributes to pollution of our waterways, and a reminder of the need for protection from ticks on trails. The Chair will draft the newsletter and send to the Commission members for comments prior to the May 7, 2018 submission deadline.

Trail/Conservation Land Maintenance Update

Phil Thayer reported the work he completed to help clear areas of Lafayette Crossing and the Corbett property. The Robie parcel has some trees and markers down. Phil will contact Peter Robie to determine next steps. The Dustin property needs a lot of work and Phil is awaiting estimates for work to clear that area. Phil also reported that bridge maintenance is needed behind Gus' Bike Shop.

Community Outreach: Trail Maps for Distribution to Residents

Allyson Ryder reported that prior to distributing trail maps, it is important that the designated trails are properly maintained and safe for the public.

Correspondence

Rockingham County Conservation District 2017 Annual Report and Natural Resource Services for Municipalities Brochure

The Chair received an Annual Report from the RCCD and brochures that outline the services provided. The materials will be distributed at the May meeting of the Conservation Commission.

The Chair will determine whether money has been appropriated by the Town for Little River water testing for 2018-2019 and if so, whether F.B. Environmental is able to test for possible chemical contamination from Coakley Landfill or other sources.

Other Business

Coakley Landfill Group

The Commission discussed a possible future role in support of outside efforts to test for chemicals regarding possible Coakley Landfill pollution. The Select Board is largely responsible for communicating with the appropriate entities regarding issues surrounding Coakley Landfill. Shep Kroner will report back to the Commission any of his findings including any water quality test results.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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