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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91A requirements.

Roll Call:

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Vice-Chair), Kathy Grant, Shep Kroner, Philip Thayer and Andrew Vorkink. Also attending the meeting were Joseph Coronati, Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc., Chris Alberts, Wetlands Scientist and Michael Delsesto, Tucker Associates.

Approval of February 14, 2017 Draft Minutes:

After some discussion, a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, *duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to accept the minutes as presented, with Philip Thayer abstaining.* The motion carried.

Lisa Wilson then read Article 2: Preamble of the Code of Ethics.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2017-2018 Calendar Year:

Chris Ganotis has requested that due to a serious family illness that he not be nominated as Chair in his absence. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Lisa Wilson as Chair.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink to move to elect Lisa Wilson as Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to nominate Kathy Grant as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Shep Kroner, to elect Kathy Grant as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Shep Kroner, to express a thank you of gratitude to Chris Ganotis for his many years of faithful service on the Conservation Commission. Shep Kroner added that as a former member of the North Hampton Forever Subcommittee, Chris Ganotis, with much personal commitment, played a big role and worked hard on conservation projects over many years. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business:

120 Mill Road Map 6 Lot 147/001 Proposal for New Agricultural Pond:

Joseph Coronati of Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., presented a proposal for a new agricultural pond at 120 Mill Road.

The applicants wish to obtain a water source for domestic use for their animals. They plan to use the land for agricultural activities and have obtained a building permit to build a new barn, which will be built outside of the 100 foot buffer. An old barn has been torn down. The square footage that will be impacted by the pond will be 19,360 square feet. The applicants asked the Commission whether the board had any concerns about the project.

The Commission expressed the need to seek the advice of a certified wetlands scientist to determine how the construction of the pond will impact the wetlands.

The applicant may need a conditional use permit from the Planning Board and a variance from the Zoning Board. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to authorize Lisa Wilson to contact the Zoning Board and Planning Board to discuss the next procedural steps relating to this application and to report back to the Commission thereafter.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Luff Conservation Parcels Stewardship Management Plan Draft

Update: FB Environmental Associates will begin fieldwork this spring after the ground has thawed. The Commission has paid a 50% deposit for the work to be completed.

Lisa has spoken with Kevin Ryan of FB Environmental to let him know that members of the Commission were interested in accompanying him on the

fieldwork and would provide Kevin's contact information to the commissioners.

While working on the draft for the Management Plan, Lisa will consult with Deborah Gourd to get a better understanding of the SELT's expectations for the education section of the draft.

Lisa will forward revisions to the draft to the commissioners via email along with any correspondence and recommendations from FB Environmental Associates to facilitate the completion of the Management Plan.

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update on Deed Reviews:

Lisa thanked Andy and Kathy for the work that has been accomplished on the Conservation Easement Subcommittee. Lisa asked Andy if he would be willing to continue to serve as subcommittee chair. Andy agreed to continue as chair of the subcommittee.

Andy explained the Access Agreement for the Luff easement/Forest Hills Farm that was negotiated with Sagamore Golf, Inc.

Andy also reported that he received from Michelle Peckham a filing fee invoice for the recording of 12 parcels, which has been paid with Conservations funds.

Other Business:

Lisa Wilson's term on the Commission expires in 2017. Lisa submitted the attached letter to the Conservation Commission asking to be considered for reappointment. *A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to request that the Select Board reappoint Lisa Wilson for a three-year term as a regular member.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Lisa will write a letter to the Select Board on behalf of the Conservation Commission to request that the recommended reappointment be placed on the Select Board agenda.

Proposal from FB Environmental Associates for a 319 Grant to Expand the Septic Systems Data Base and Complete a Risk Analysis.

After some discussion, the Commissioners decided not to pursue a 319 Grant to expand the septic system data base due the unknown costs that may be incurred by the Town or Conservation Commission that are associated with

matching fund requirements. The commission discussed applying for a grant to improve culverts and to employ the use of canines to locate potential septic system failures.

The Commission would be interested in working with the Select Board to implement a town-wide administrative process to ensure that septic systems are properly maintained by requiring homeowners to certify that their systems have been periodically pumped and inspected.

A motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Shep Kroner, to authorize Lisa Wilson to contact FB Environmental to discuss other types of grants. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Acknowledgments on Eagle Trails:

Phil Thayer would like to have three small signs placed near trails to acknowledge work completed by Eagle Scouts to include the name of the scout and date of completed work. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, for Phil return to the Commission next month with a proposal for the design and sign placement.* The motion carried.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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