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### North Hampton Conservation Commission

#### Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022

**Administrative:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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), Kathy Grant, (Vice Chair), Dave Ciccalone, Lauri Etela, Dave McGilvary, Audrey Prior, Phil Thayer and Andrew Vorkink. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Approval of April 12, 2022 Draft Minutes:** After review of the April 12, 2022 minutes, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to accept the minutes as written with one correction (40' long bridge located at the Dustin-Dustin Booker trail, not 40' wide bridge under Trail Maintenance Update).* The motion carried.

**New Business: Nominations for Appointments to the Conservation Commission:** *A motion was made by Dave Ciccalone, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to nominate the following Commissioners:*

Lisa Wilson, Chair;  
Kathy Grant, Vice Chair  
Andrew Vorkink, Conservation Easement Subcommittee Chair  
Phil Thayer, Trail Maintenance Subcommittee Chair

Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call and the motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update:** Andy Vorkink contacted Kate Dardinski, a local map maker who designs and creates trail maps. Examples of Ms. Dardinski's maps that were shared with the Commission include Stratham Hill Park trail maps, commissioned by Seth Hickey, and the 5-mile Haskall Pond Loop in the City of Gloucester, MA. The Commission discussed commissioning a set of walker-friendly maps for six to eight trails with an average walking length of 45-75 minutes. Ms. Dardinski creates the maps using GIS data gathered by a handheld GPS. Data gathered is then applied to a trail map template to create custom maps. Ms. Dardinski will provide digital files to allow the Commission to reproduce signs and brochures/pamphlets to better inform and educate the public about the specific location and natural features of the trails. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend up to \$5000 to engage Kate Dardinski to create professional trail maps.* The motion carried.

**Trail Maintenance Update:** Lisa Wilson reported that she met with Donny Knowles at the Oliver Brook Trail to provide an estimate to install wood chips along approximately 200 to 250 linear feet of the trail to help remedy the seasonal soggy conditions at the entrance of the trail, to remove two fairly large dead trees hanging over one of the bog bridges that may pose a danger to the public, and to cut back skunk cabbage growing over the newly installed bog bridges. *A motion was made*

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**by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to authorize the Commission to expend up to \$4500 to engage Don Knowles of Knowles Tree Service to complete the work.** The motion carried.

**Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Update:** Kathy Grant will be attending the next meeting and site walk later this month to plan for future restoration work during Phase II of the saltmarsh restoration project.

**Septic System Inventory Review:** The Chair summarized past discussions of suggestions for improving the SSI maps and database. Kathy Grant created a comprehensive and detailed list of questions and suggestions for improvements to a number of the maps and database. Following discussion with the Commission, Kathy will forward the suggestions to Rob Pryne, RPC, to revise and correct the maps and to provide the Commission with a database to include information about parcels and septic systems that have been gathered to date.

**Land Use Summit and Spring Newsletter Topics:** Topics will include ongoing work to add information to the Septic System Inventory and database and the creation of professional trail maps. The 2022 spring/summer newsletter will feature information about six recreational trails to better educate the public about the town's natural resources and recreational opportunities. The Commission discussed working with the town's recreational director to encourage the public to enjoy the trails and to highlight each trail's special features. It was suggested to put together a pamphlet with questions with quiz-like questions to help the community identify types of trees, plants, animals, invasive plants, etc. found on trails to encourage the public and school children to interact with nature.

#### **Other Business:**

Lauri Etela shared information about a proposed conservation subdivision to be located near the gun club off Atlantic Avenue. The Commission discussed whether it will have the chance to review and comment about a formal proposal, but has not yet received any information about the proposal.

There being no further business to discuss, **a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela,** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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”.***