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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91A requirements.

Roll Call:

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Shep Kroner, Philip Thayer, and Andrew Vorkink. Also in attendance: Mr. Lauri Etela and Mr. Mike Lynch.

Approval of April 11, 2017 Draft Minutes:

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to accept the minutes as presented, with one correction* (the spelling of Deborah Goard's name). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business:

Letters of Request for Consideration for Nomination to Serve on Conservation

Commission: The Chair introduced Mr. Lauri Etela and Mr. Mike Lynch, who have expressed interest in membership on the Commission. They both spoke briefly on why they would like to serve and were asked questions from Commission Members. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to recommend to the Select Board Mr. Lauri Etela for a three year term, expiring in 2020.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to recommend to the Select Board Mr. Mike Lynch for a one year term, expiring in 2018. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FB Environmental Associates Contract to conduct Winnicut River Water Quality

Monitoring: There was discussion regarding the proposed contract to conduct water quality monitoring in the Winnicut River. The Commission expressed the need to contact the NH Rivers Council and possibly the NH Conservation Law Foundation to determine where the organizations are conducting water quality tests to avoid duplication of testing and unnecessary expense. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Shep Kroner, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to continue the discussion of the proposed Contract by FB Environmental Associates contract for water quality testing until the June 13th meeting.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FB Environmental Associates Correspondence dated April 12, 2017: Ideas for the 319 Grant Proposals to improve water quality within the Little River Watershed were

discussed which included exploring a septic system pump out regulation, culvert work, and water quality testing. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Shep Kroner, to authorize the Chair to compose a letter to the Select Board to contact the Hampton Select Board concerning water quality issues between Hampton and North Hampton.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Draft of Forest Hills Management Plan: Kathy Grant accompanied Kevin Ryan of FB Environmental Associates for two hours during his field work on April 27 and observed Mr. Ryan's professional and expert analysis of the land.

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andrew Vorkink gave an update and reported two complaints received regarding the Lamprey Conservation Easement: the complaint alleged that a septic system was improperly installed and questioned whether it was designed for animal waste or human waste. Upon investigation by the DES, a letter was sent to the complainants and the Select Board to report that there was no violation of the easement.

The Commission discussed procedures for reporting complaints and recording documents by digitally and in hard copy.

Sign Design & Installation for Acknowledgement of Eagle Scout Projects: The Chair researched 6x9 aluminum signs with a cost of under \$50. Kathy Grant suggested a 4x4 sign on a post that she had seen that looked very nice. Philip Thayer and Kathy Grant will do more research and provide information at June 13th meeting.

Correspondence: The Chair announced: *"Help Aquarion Water Company Find New Hampshire's Environmental Champions, The 2017 Aquarion Water Environmental Champion Awards."* The Community is invited to nominate an adult, student, business or non-profit organization. Nomination deadline is May 24, 2017. Visit aquarionwater.com

Other Business:

Andrew Vorkink requested that the Chair contact the Select Board to inquire about the status of the 20 Chapel Road conservation parcel and whether or not the Select board received any correspondence from Little Boar's Head Village District.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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