

Approved

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91A requirements.

Roll Call

Attendance included Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lisa Wilson (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, and Andrew Vorkink. Also attending the meeting was Mike Castagna.

Approval of January 10, 2017 Draft Minutes

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

New Business

Discussion on Deliberative Session Conservation Warrant Articles

There were 3 warrant articles by citizen's petitions concerning an oversight board, moving the Lamprey Farm barn, seeking to overturn decisions made by the Conservation Commission and to change the provision as to how Conservation Commission members are put into office and elected. The Town Council confirmed that all 3 articles are not enforceable and illegal.

**Proposal for Conservation Easement on Hobbs Parcel,
Map 13, Lot 68**

Mike Castagna presented a proposal on how the conservation parcel might be part of the town complex. It would include approximately 85 acres. Between four and a half and five acres would be needed. Glen Martin would like the balance of the property that wouldn't be used to conservation. Mike has met with DES in Concord. The Chair suggested to Mr. Castagna that he work with a third party Land Trust to monitor the land and enter into a land trust easement with the owner.

Consideration of Placing 20 Chapel Road Parcel in Conservation
Still pending at this time

State Wetlands Buffer Proposed Legislation

A bill is being discussed in committee for a standard state wetland buffer for the whole state for all towns. The HB486 bill needs clearer language and it is being revised.

Old Business

Luff Conservation Parcels Stewardship Management Plan Draft Update and SELT Review

Lisa Wilson has spoken with Kevin Ryan at FB Environmental regarding the proposal for easement requirements. An adjustment was made, making the fee of the contract \$3,580.00. The Chair will contact Forrest Bell, FB Principal to review the proposal to confirm the needed easement requirements, mapping and if a wild life action plan should be included, which was suggested by Deborah Goard. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, that the Commission authorize the Chair to approve the contract, taking up to \$3,580 from the Capital Reserve Fund.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Granit Request for Conservation Parcel Descriptions

The Chair received correspondence from Abigail Lyon who is doing work for the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership to provide granit information for UNH for the listing of conservation projects in town. This would include a detailed summary of each parcel, a map of each parcel and a track data sheet. After some discussion, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, ***to present the information we have and suggest a volunteer effort for this request as a project to UNH students.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence from Mr. Perkins for Barn

The Chair received an email from Mr. Perkins requesting approval to continue with previous approved plans for his barn. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to approve the extension of the master plan approved in October 2015 for the items contained in his email dated February 6, 2017 which are all for agricultural purposes which included a water line from the artisan well, a septic system, finishing grade around the foundation, and adding loam, soil, gravel and sand around.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Wetlands Delineation Workshop

A workshop will be held on March 9, 2017 at the Hugh Greg Center in Greenland, NH at 3:30 PM presented by Mark Jacobs, Certified Soil Scientist.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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