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North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom and Channel 22 from the Town Hall.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior; Members Present via Zoom: Kathy Grant (Vice-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Dave Ciccalone

Approval of September 8, 2020 Draft Minutes:

After some discussion, a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Audrey **Prior**, to approve the minutes. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

New Business

Natural Resource Inventory: Lisa Wilson discussed proposed revisions to the draft NRI and read the draft letter of introduction to the Commission. After some discussion, a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono, to authorize the Chair to proceed to complete the draft NRI by October 31 for final review by the Commission. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andy Vorkink reported that the Town of Rye has conserved conservation land (approximately 18 acres) located in North Hampton that is owned by the Town of Rye.

The Commission received formal clarification from NOAA that the D'Urso conservation parcel (Map 8, Lot 121-1) is not subject to the restrictions by CELCP (Coastal and Land Estuarine Conservation Program). In 2007 the lot was one of three lots that the Town designated as a matching parcel to receive federal funds from NOAA/ CELCP for the acquisition of conservation land. The lot which was not used as a match is where the Community Garden is located opposite Dearborn Park. The D'Urso deed states that the conservation land is to remain in its natural condition for open space where agriculture is permitted and that industrial and commercial uses are not permitted.

A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to authorize Andy Vorkink to prepare the paper work to undesignate the conservation parcel (Map 8, Lot 121-1) as a CELCP restricted lot and to seek the approval by the Select Board to correct the record at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Update Trail Maintenance: Phil Thayer reported to Lisa Wilson that a volunteer from Exeter helped clear trails at the Town Forest. Phil noted that the removal of logs across the road now allow people to drive into the property. He suggested installing a cable across the road attached to posts on either side of the road with signage to stop potential vehicular traffic. Phil noted that this work should be done relatively soon due to the start of deer season. Phil also submitted the \$400 invoice from Lariviere Inc. for mowing the Community Garden.

Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Project Update: Frank Arcidiancono reported that Pete Steckler (TNC) submitted the Moose Plate Grant application and the NHDES 319 Water Quality Grant proposal and that the recipients of the awards will be notified in December.

Other Business:

The Commission received an invoice for \$375.00 to renew its New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) membership. *A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to authorize the \$375 expenditure for the NHACC Annual Dues.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Kathy Grant mentioned that the NHACC Annual Meeting is held every November and will be held this year on November 7, 2020. The cost for members to attend the meeting is \$35 per person. After some discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to approve an expenditure of \$35 per person for any commissioner wishing to attend the NHACC Annual Meeting. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II(d): A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to move into Non-Public Session for consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

The public meeting adjourned to enter in non-public session at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Moore Recording Secretary

The Commission entered into non-public session at 7:42 p.m.

Non-Public Session Members Present: Members Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Andy Vorkink, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior; Members Present via Zoom: Kathy Grant (Vice-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Dave Ciccalone

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to leave the Non-Public Session. The motion passed.

The public session reconvened at 8:47 p.m. A motion was made by Lauri Etela and seconded by Kathy Grant to seal the minutes because divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the non-public session, Lisa Wilson, Chair

"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."