

DRAFT: North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. via Zoom and Channel 22 from the Town Hall.

Roll Call

Members present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, David Ciccalone, Lauri Etela, Phil Thayer, Audrey Prior and Andrew Vorkink.

Members of the Public: Joseph Coronati, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc.

Approval of October 13, 2020 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to approve the minutes.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Approval of October 21, 2020 Draft Minutes: *A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Audrey Prior, to approve the minutes.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

New Business:

Review Application for Conditional Use Application: 60 Lafayette Road, North Hampton, NH, Tax Map 7, Lot 119; JBE Project No. 14129.2 submitted on behalf of Norse Properties, LLC. Joseph Coronati, Vice-President, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., presented plans to replace the septic system at 60 Lafayette Road on behalf of his clients, Brent and Maria Flemming, who are the sole owners of the property. There is no record of what type of septic system is installed for the existing building. The applicant explained that the impacts to the wetlands were temporary and that a NH DES wetlands impact permit was not needed. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to authorize the Chair to draft a letter to the Planning Board stating the Conservation Commission has no objection to the plans.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Natural Resource Inventory: The Commission discussed work on the inventory for further review at the December 8 Conservation Commission meeting. Shep Kroner photographed the ledge boulders and outcroppings known as Shiprock located east of Mill Road and south of Atlantic Avenue. The Commission will include these photos in the NRI. The Commission also discussed including recommendations to consider assessing the health of trees, removal of invasive species, and monitoring and preventing the possible infestation of Japanese beetles. The Commission discussed funds that are available in the Fowler Fund specifically designated for future Little River Salt Marsh projects such as the eradication of phragmites and other invasive plants.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andrew Vorkink reported that Kathy Grant prepared a list for the Town Administrator of conservation properties where hunting is prohibited. Phil Thayer will post no hunting signs behind Gus' Bike Shop near the Rail Trail. Andy Vorkink posted no hunting signs in response to complaints from residents whose properties abut the Fogg conservation land. A log that was placed at the entrance of the trail had been removed. The Commission suggested installing a cable beyond the parking area to prevent vehicles from entering the conservation land. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to authorize Phil Thayer to purchase and install a cable at the entrance of the Fogg conservation land to prevent vehicles from entering the property.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion passed.

Update Trail Maintenance: Kathy Grant reported that she and her son cleared trails on conservation land. A volunteer from Exeter also helped clear the Town Forest trail. The Commission discussed installing a cable and signage at the entrance of the Town Forest to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the trail.

Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Project Update: Frank Acidiacono reported that a meeting is scheduled on November 25 with the NH Department of Transportation to discuss the maintenance agreement required by NH DOT for the replacement of the cobble weir. Frank also reported that one of the temporary easements that is required to begin the work needed to be re-filed at the Registry of Deeds because the original document was filed in an unacceptable font size.

Other Business: The Commission discussed future water quality testing. The Commission recommended the possibility of more targeted testing in potentially vulnerable areas to be identified in the Septic System Inventory. Dave Cicalone mentioned that he will assist the Commission with GIS mapping for future trail maps; the Commission also discussed installing informational kiosks at the entrance of a number of conservation trails.

Nonpublic Session: RSA 91-A:3, II(d); *A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

The Commission voted to entered into Non-Public Session at approximately 8:42 p.m.

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The Commission entered into Non-Public Session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

The Commission discussed the possible acquisition of land by donation.

A motion to leave Non-Public Session was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Dave Ciccalone. Roll call vote to leave Non-Public Session: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lauri Etela, Yes; Phil Thayer, Yes; Audrey Prior, Yes; Frank Arcidiacono, Yes. The Motion Passed.

Public Session reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

A motion was made to seal the minutes by Kathy Grant and seconded by Audrey Prior because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote to reconvene: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lauri Etela, Yes; Phil Thayer, Yes; Audrey Prior, Yes; Frank Arcidiacono, Yes. The Motion Passed

A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lauri Etela to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:26 p.m. Roll call vote to adjourn: Lisa Wilson, Yes; Kathy Grant, Yes; Andy Vorkink, Yes; Lauri Etela, Yes; Phil Thayer, Yes; Audrey Prior, Yes; Frank Arcidiacono, Yes. The Motion Passed.

The minutes for the Non-Public Session were prepared by Lisa Wilson, Chair, North Hampton Conservation Commission.

“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.