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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. via Zoom and Channel 22 from the Town Hall.

Roll Call:

Members present were Lisa Wilson (Chair). **Members present via Zoom:** Kathy Grant (Co-Chair), Frank Arcidiacono, Dave Ciccilone, Lauri Etela, Audrey Prior and Andrew Vorkink. **Members of the public:** Corey Belden and Eric Weinhold.

Approval of March 9, 2021 Draft Minutes: After some discussion, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to approve the Draft minutes.* Lisa Wilson called a roll call vote and the motion carried.

New Business:

46 Chapel Road, Tax Map 5, Lot 39, North Hampton, NH. Altus Engineering, Inc. (Altus) on behalf of the landowner and applicant Pensco Trust Company, Mark Collins presented plans and supporting documentation to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for a Conditional Use Permit Application for Wetland and Wetland Buffer Impacts to construct a residential driveway. Eric Weinhold on behalf of the Applicant noted that there have been no modifications from the 2019 approved plan and that utilities will be located in the same locations. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to authorize the chair to draft a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Conservation Commission has no objection to the plans for a Conditional Use Permit provided the plans comply with NH DES requirements and any Planning Board conditions for approval.* Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

Election of Conservation Commission Chair and Vice Chair: *A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono, to reappoint Lisa Wilson as Chair and Kathy Grant as Vice Chair.* Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

Election of Conservation Commission Easement Subcommittee Chair: *A motion was made by Frank Arcidiacono, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to reappoint Andrew Vorkink as Chair of the Conservation Easement Subcommittee.* Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

Nominations for Appointments by the Select Board to the Conservation Commission: *A motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Andy*

Vorkink and Audrey Prior as regular members, each for a three-year term to expire in 2024. Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

SCA Ameri Corps Contract Agreement to construct the Oliver Brook Trail: The Commissioners reviewed the Contract. It was suggested to revise the language of the draft contract to correct possible ambiguity when referring to the agreement between the SCA Corps and the Town of North Hampton or the Conservation Commission. ***A motion was made by Frank Arcidiacono, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to authorize the chair to revise the language of the draft agreement and to sign the revised contract following the required Select Board Public Hearing. During the Public Hearing, the Select Board will be asked to approve the acceptance of the grant award from NH Bureau of Trails for \$25,196, which includes a \$6,299.00 pledge by the Grantee (North Hampton Conservation Commission) or 20% of the total cost of the project in matching funds.*** Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

Competitive bids will only be for materials. The NH BOT grant program does not require competitive bids for labor when Towns enter into contracts with non-profit organizations such as the SCA Corps.

Oliver Brook Trail Site Walk: A site walk is planned for May 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) to review the proposed trail route and to mark the trail with a Global Positioning System (GPS).

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andy Vorkink reported that all the Nordstrom acquisition approvals have been obtained and the Commission is waiting for the final approvals from NH DES and is not expecting any issues. The Commission is also continuing to explore pedestrian access to the property other than from North Road and any new developments will be reported back to the Commission. The budget for the work at present is slightly over the estimate for survey work but not over the amount the Commission authorized. The firm is trying to stay within budget and without any further work required by the DES, final approval is expected within 60-75 days from the mid-March application.

Trail Maintenance Update: Nothing to report.

Conservation Signage: Phil Thayer posted “No Trespassing” signs on the Jeppesen property on Easter Sunday in response to a complaint from an abutter to the conservation trail.

Philbrick Pond Saltmarsh Drainage Update: Frank Arcidiacono reported that the Town had not yet received the Wetlands Permit Application for review. A meeting will be held on April 21, 2021 to discuss next steps with the project partners.

Other Business: Kathy Grant shared with the Commission information about potential logging on Town land in the rear of North Hampton School. ***Following discussion a motion was made by Frank Arcidiacono, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to authorize the Chair to contact the Town Administrator to learn more about plans to remove a large number of trees on Town property and to draft a letter to the Select Board to express concerns about logging within wetlands areas and in the vicinity of Little River.*** Lisa Wilson called a Roll Call vote and the motion carried.

There being no further topics to discuss, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Frank Arcidiacono, to adjourn the meeting.***

The meeting concluded at 8:00 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.