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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Lauri Etela, Mike Lynch, and Andrew Vorkink. Philip Thayer joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Members of the public included Henry Boyd, Paige Libby of Jones and Beach Engineering and Henry and Jacqueline Brandt.

New Business:

Request to Review Conceptual Plans received on September 4, 2018 from Eric Botterman, Millennium Engineering, Inc. On behalf of Applicant Leo J. Crotty, Jr. 216 Lafayette Road North Hampton, NH, Tax Map 21, Lot 28-1, Henry Boyd explained Mr. Crotty's wishes to construct two building additions to house the front end of a helicopter, cold storage and create more efficient workflow for an approximately 10,000 square feet addition onto one structure and another few thousand square feet onto another building. Wetlands exist along the northern border of the property. The Commission wanted to know how the applicant will address the drainage on the property and whether the applicant can create an equal amount of pervious surface to mitigate the effects of bringing in large amounts of fill within the wetlands setback to offset the effects of adding more impervious surface. The Commission also noted that areas of the property had old railroad ties and other materials that might be harmful to surrounding wetlands and wetlands buffers. Mr. Boyd noted that the plan at present is a conceptual plan and that a new drainage plan for the property will need to be designed. The Commission will require a review of a wetlands scientist to determine whether the proposed impacts to the wetlands can be mitigated to preserve the natural resource values of the wetlands.

NH DES Wetlands Permit Application received on August 14, 2018: Standard Dredge and Fill Resubmittal. 120 Mill Road, North Hampton, NH Tax Map 6, Lot 147-1, Jones and Beach Engineering (JBE) Project No. 15131.3. On behalf of the applicants Chris and Michelle Rondeau, JBE resubmitted a Wetlands Permit application for 13,614 square feet of disturbance within a wetland to construct an agricultural pond. Paige Libby answered questions from Conservation Commission members. The pond will be used for ducks. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to endorse the proposal, not finding any issues with the application.*** The motion carried.

Old Business:

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update: Andrew Vorkink has completed an updated list of North Hampton properties with Conservation easements as of September 7, 2018 including the recent Solari and Higginson donations. Kathy Grant will see to uploading the database on to the North Hampton Conservation Commission website.

Trails/Conservation Land Maintenance Update: Philip Thayer reported that the Community Garden needs to be mowed. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly***

seconded by Mike Lynch, to hire Walter Nordstrom to mow the Community Garden for the sum of up to \$400.00. The motion carried. After some discussion regarding property maintenance to clear trails on the Dustin property, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to authorize the Chair to contact the Town Administrator to determine whether funds from the Conservation Commission's operating budget can be used for maintaining conservation land in the future.* The motion carried.

Coastal Conservation Plan Presentation by NH Sea Grant: A forty-five minute presentation is scheduled for **October 9, 2018** entitled "**Land Conservation Priorities for the Protection of Coastal Water Resources:** A Supplement to the Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds." The presenters requested to begin the presentation at 6:30 p.m. The speakers hope to better educate residents about land protection and how to conserve key areas for water quality, flood storage (in the context of increasing storms) and public water supplies. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to begin the October 9, 2018 meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

Community Newsletter: The Submission deadline is Monday, September 17. Among the topics for discussion are the importance of protecting the town's water resources, the importance of having septic systems pumped to extend the life of septic system to help prevent failures and to protect the investment in one's property, and to request volunteers from the community to help maintain trails on conservation land.

Correspondence:

Email dated August 28, 2018 from Bryan Kaenrath: To report that Hampton found no issues with sewer line near Huckleberry Lane. The Select Board engaged F.B. Environmental to conduct further water quality testes to try to determine the source of possible contaminants from Hampton that may impact the Little River Salt Marsh. Testing results may become available after tests are conducted during dry and wet periods.

Phone Call received on August 24 from SELT to Chair of Conservation Commission to notify the Commission and Town of the monitoring status for Governor Dale Conservation Easement. The Brandts requested Mediation with the Southeast Land Trust (SELT), the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP), and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the United States Government, the parties responsible for enforcing the conservation easement. The Brandts requested permission to host a Farmers' Market and weddings on the conservation/agricultural land. The terms of the conservation easement permit a farm roadside stand. Mediation is scheduled for October 17, 2018.

Other Business:

Conservation Signs – nothing to report

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of July 10, 2018 Draft Minutes: *A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to accept the minutes as presented.* The motion carried.

Approval of August 14, 2018 Draft Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on August 14, 2018 were tabled until next month's meeting.

Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d):

At the request of the RCCD: Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, which, if discussed in public would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

A motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to enter into non-public session. Lisa Wilson then took a Roll Call to enter non-public session at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, to leave the non-public session. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to seal the minutes and return to public session at 10:10 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by roll call vote by the Chair.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Lauri Etela, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to adjourn the meeting.*** The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

“These minutes were prepared by the Recording Secretary 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”.