

## NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 14, 2005  
Minutes

### 1) ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting was Chris Ganotis, Co-Chairman, Lee Brooks, Stan Knowles, and John Peterson.

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10, 2005

***After a motion, duly seconded,*** it was voted to approve the revised minutes.

### 3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Report was reviewed as presented. Following up on the differences in the interest rates in the checking accounts, Citizens Bank indicated rates are based on both the type and amount in the accounts. It is expected that the rate will be lowered given the transfer of \$325,000 from the Cap Reserve #8 checking account into the higher interest, tiered Certificate of Deposits at Centrix Bank. ***After a motion, duly seconded,*** it was voted to accept the April 30, 2005 report.

### 4) NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Proposed Woodland Road telecommunications tower (Robert Field, Esq.)

Attorney Robert Field addressed the Commission as counsel for David and Terry Donsker and Denis and Donna Kokernak, abutters to the proposed telecommunications tower. Attorney Field represented that the proposed site is not suitable for a telecommunications tower and provided supporting information on his conclusion. He stated that neither the Donsker's nor the Kokernak's are opposed to personal cellular communication in North Hampton; their intent is to insure that local, state and federal laws are followed. A "balloon test" was conducted on this property and interested parties were able to access the site for inspection. Attorney Field pointed out that an upgrade to the driveway would be needed to access the tower; this could have detrimental surface water runoff impacts on the abutting Conservation land, according to a report by Soils Scientist Jim Gove who conducted an analysis for the abutters.

Attorney Field asked that the Commission members be attentive to the wetlands impacts on the abutting Bois Conservation Parcel. He also mentioned other potential issues such as the altering of a vernal pool, and the questionable soil/ground stability for a cellular tower. He discussed the existing condition of the driveway and the potential impact of heavy construction and delivery vehicles on the volume and direction of surface water runoff, which currently flows over parts of the driveway in to the Conservation land. He further indicated that the proposed site plan does not indicate soil types, wetlands delineation or a surveyor's stamp. Mr. Gove's report addressed the need for more data and engineering information on the proposal as well as the recommendation for culverts and a retaining wall prior to approval of the application.

Discussion followed regarding the property lines, whether the Commission received abutter notification, structures on the property, and the Commission's responsibility for stewardship of the Bois conservation land. Attorney Field reiterated that (1) the Donsker's and Kokernak's are

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*Note – These minutes were approved by a majority vote of the Conservation Commission on July 12, 2005.*

not opposed to personal cell towers in North Hampton; (2) they are unequivocally opposed to this site; (3) the application should contain much more detailed information, i.e. a complete plan and applicable reports; and (4) the Conservation Commission should review the proposed cell tower plan and application to decide whether it sufficiently addresses potential adverse impacts on the abutting conservation land. The Zoning Board is scheduled to hear this proposal on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school.

#### 5) CORRESPONDENCE

Members accepted Dan Twombly's resignation from the Commission with regret and will consider suggested nominees to fill the position at the next meeting. They also reviewed correspondence from the McGrath law firm regarding property on Willow Avenue and a NHDES expedited application denial for property on Boulders Cove.

#### 6) OTHER BUSINESS

Members authorized payments of invoices from Walter Nordstrom for mowing the field at the Marston Farm Conservation land, the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, and the Students Conservation Association intern conservation program.

#### 7) EXECUTIVE SESSION ("North Hampton Forever")

**After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3(b) to go into non-public executive session at 8:36 p.m. for a continued discussion of a confidential proposal made to NH Forever. No action was taken and the Commission returned to public session at 8:55 p.m.

#### 8) ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Stan talked about the Town's Long Range Capital Improvements Program and asked members to think about any long term capital expenditures that might be needed over the next six years. Discussion ensued regarding future conservation purchases, budgetary expectations and potential recreation trails.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Perkins  
Secretary