

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 13, 2005

1) ROLL CALL

Present when the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. was Chris Ganotis and Chuck Gordon, Co-Chairmen, Lee Brooks, Stan Knowles, and John Peterson.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 8, 2005

After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes as presented.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Boies Conservation Land—boundary line issue

Item still pending; members will consider options and discuss it at a future meeting.

4) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for approval of expedited DES wetlands permit application for proposed Mill Road subdivision (Tax Map 12, Lots 48 and 66)

Jonathan Ring of Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., reviewed the plan for the Commission. He explained the wetlands impact caused by the proposed gravel driveway as less than 3,000 square feet. Jonathan told the Commission that the twelve-foot driveway width will be reduced to ten feet as it crosses the wetland area. The plan is to add two additional culverts to the existing two with construction specifications for a 100 year storm event. He said that the flow is not being altered with this construction and expected that it may be somewhat improved.

Commission comments followed. Chris explained the Commission's policy that driveways which cross wetlands are to have gravel or be unpaved. Jonathan agreed to add a note to the plan stipulating that the driveway will remain unpaved. The Commission agreed that the beginning portion of the shared driveway on Lot 48-2 can be paved.

After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted that the Conservation Commission has no objections to the issuance of the DES Expedited Wetlands Permit provided that the portion of the driveway that crosses the wetlands will remain unpaved in perpetuity.

- b) Proposed new Eagle Scout project

Eagle Scout candidate Colin Gagnon addressed the Commission possible projects. Discussion followed regarding the Treat conservation land. Colin talked about putting in new trails, tent platforms, developing brochures, and asked for input from the members. He will contact the individuals recommended by the Commission to begin a physical survey of the property. Colin told the Commission that this is one of three possible projects that the Eagle Scout Counsel will review and consider for his badge.

c) Consideration of applying for conservation easements monitoring grant

The list of grant opportunities will be e-mailed to the members for review and discussion at a future meeting.

5) EXECUTIVE SESSION—status of North Hampton Forever projects.

After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3(b), to go into non-public executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss a confidential proposal made to NH Forever. No action was taken and the Commission returned to public session at 8:45 p.m.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT – November 30, 2005

Reviewed and discussed. ***After a motion, duly seconded***, it was voted to approve the report as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Perkins
Secretary