

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 12, 2006 - Minutes

1) ROLL CALL

Present when the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. was Chris Ganotis, Chairman, Shirley Carter, Brian Chevalier, Stan Knowles, Patty O'Connor, John Peterson, Treasurer, and Alternates Peter Simmons, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson.

Commission members welcomed Peter, Phil and Lisa to the meeting. Chris explained that Commission members, when recused from any business before the board, leave the room and return after the item has been addressed.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 8, 2006

After a motion, duly seconded it was voted, with Peter, Phil and Lisa abstaining, to approve the minutes as presented.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT – August 31, 2006

John reviewed the balances for the three Conservation accounts, Capital Reserve Fund Number 8, the William Fowler Memorial Fund and the Little River Salt Marsh Grant Funds. *After a motion, duly seconded it was voted* to accept Treasurer's report with the correction to the Centrix Bank deposit amount.

4) OLD BUSINESS

a) Eagle Scout Candidate Colin Gagnon - project update

Colin appeared before the Commission to discuss the best site for the parking area. He provided pictures of the service road area near the power lines on Walnut Avenue pointing out that it is very wet and would require a large amount of fill. He also said that cars would have to travel a bit onto the land before leveling off enough to park. Colin reiterated his earlier recommendation that vehicular parking for the trail be near the conservation sign on Walnut Avenue. *After a motion, duly seconded it was voted* to use the original recommended parking proposal at the conservation sign on Walnut Avenue. Colin told the Commission that he is still researching the liability issues with the abutters and plans to begin work on the trail as soon as possible.

b) Boies Conservation Land - boundary line issue update

Chris read the certified, return receipt requested letter dated August 28, 2006 from Attorney Robert Ciandella to Mr. Morton stipulating removal of all structures from the Boies property within one month. Resident Dennis Kokernak spoke from the audience indicating that even if the garage is moved, there may still be a violation of the setback requirement. He also recommended setting pins on the boundary lines now that a new survey has been completed.

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Note: These minutes were approved by a majority vote of the Conservation Commission on October 10, 2006.

c) Fogg Conservation Land - trespass problem update

Chris relayed his conversation with Mr. Woodworth regarding the right of way onto the Fogg property for removing logging and gravel only. According to the neighbors, the excessive vehicular use on the property has decreased. Members talked about putting up a gate, which can be opened for logging purposes only. Shirley reminded the members that if a gate is installed, there should be signage indicating that pedestrian traffic is allowed as Shirley Fogg's wish was for people to use the land, but not drive around on it.

5) OTHER BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Special Petition – 57 Woodland Road

Dennis Kokernak, Ship Rock Road, talked about the Citizen's Petition for a special town meeting regarding 57 Woodland Road. He indicated that South East Land Trust has agreed to be the third party and he has pledged to pay the donation fee. The deliberative session will most likely be held in November with the December voting day to include this petition plus the water company related petition. Discussion followed regarding educating the voters that the two petitions are completely different and separate articles.

Corresepondence

- Letter from Attorney Robert Field re: Richard Skrowronski, 142 Mill Road regarding a possible land donation; acreage and location not specific at this time.
- The Jeppesen subdivision proposal before the Planning Board has two different roadway plans. Members recalled that their earlier recommendation was in favor of keeping the stone wall along the roadway intact. They agreed that the Commission would reiterate its earlier recommendation to the Planning Board.
- Several miscellaneous items of correspondence from DES, UHN and RPC were read and reviewed.
- Dennis Kokernak asked about the Conservation Commission's position about posting "no hunting" signs on the Boies property. Members recalled past discussions and the difficulty in enforcing and patrolling properties with hunting prohibited. While the Conservation Commission will not post lands with easements, the landowner does have the right to do so. A question also arose about hunting on town-owned land and Chris Kane will be asked to research the Boies easements for any "no hunting" clauses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Perkins
Secretary