

## NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 10, 2006 - Minutes

### 1) ROLL CALL

Present when the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. was Chris Ganotis, Chairman, John Peterson, Treasurer, Lee Brooks, Shirley Carter, Brian Chevalier, Stan Knowles, Alternate Peter Simmons sitting in for Patty O'Connor, and Selectmen Representative Emily Creighton. Alternates Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson also attended as non-voting members.

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *September 12, 2006*

*After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted*, with Emily abstaining, to approve the minutes as amended.

### 3) TREASURER'S REPORT – *September 30, 2006*

John reviewed the report as presented. The maturation date for the Centrex Bank CD for \$168,462.56 at 4.0% APR was corrected to read May 7, 2007. *After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted* to approve payment of the \$800.00 appraisal bill from the Capital Reserve Fund #8 account for a NH Forever project.

### 4) OLD BUSINESS

#### a) Eagle Scout Candidate Colin Gagnon - project update

Colin was unable to attend the meeting.

#### b) Boies Conservation Land - boundary line issue update

Chris told the members that the garage and other items have not been moved off the conservation land. The attorney will send a second letter, pointing out that the garage, when moved, should meet the sideline setback requirements.

### 5) OTHER BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### Fogg Conservation Land

Chris Kane researched deeds as far back as the original Fogg deed dated 1916 and due to the handwritten text a right of way given to Woodworth cannot be determined. Shirley said that the agreement for gravel and log removal was a verbal one between Ada Fogg and Roy Green. Chris will send a letter to Mr. Woodworth letting him know that the Conservation Commission researched the deeds, can't find anything in writing, and unless he has anything in writing to the contrary, he can continue to access the property for gravel and logs. Any additional vehicular traffic on the little dirt road may necessitate the installation of a gate.

### Jeppeson Subdivision – Corner of Mill Road and Atlantic Avenue

Members reviewed the October 6, 2006 letter Chris drafted to the Planning Board regarding the Commission's recommendation that the stone walled roadway be kept intact to the fullest extent possible.

### NH Forever Site Walk

Scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Town Office parking lot.

### Greystone Conservation Land

Discussion followed about the agreement from the developer that they pledged to pay for the monitoring costs of the conservation land. Members talked about how much funds, which are invested and then used as caretaker fees for the monitoring, should be requested. Audubon requested and received \$10,000 from the Conservation Commission to monitor the marsh parcel. This payment would be a one-time contribution from Greystone. **A motion, duly seconded, was made** to request \$10,000 as a one-time payment for the monitoring of the Greystone development conservation easement. Members questioned whether the amount was appropriate and adequate. Chris will contact different land trusts for a general rate of donations/payments and report back at the next meeting. **Motion tabled until next meeting.**

### Phil Wilson - NH Forever Update on CELCP Federal Assistance Award

Phil provided information on the Winnicut River Headwater I CELCP (Coastal and Estuarine land Conservation Program) Award, which was awarded on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed the total grant of \$2,807,530, half of which came from the CELCP share and the other half from the Town's previous NH Forever projects. Because those previous projects completed by NH Forever qualify as "in-kind" matching funds, the balance needed from the Town will be \$136,765. The funds will be used to purchase approximately 84 acres.

Phil also told the members about a second Winnicut Headwaters II CELCP grant application recently submitted. The total grant application is for \$5 Million Dollars; one half (\$2.5 Million) from the CELCP; and one half (\$2.5 Million) from the Town. He indicated that again, the match from the Town would be largely from future NH Forever acquisitions.

Phil closed his presentation reviewing the new CELCP review process, which includes state prioritization for all New Hampshire applications. The applications chosen by the State then forwarded onto the national level are again prioritized and grants are funded in order of priority until the appropriation runs out.

### Lamprey Conservation Land

The Commission talked about the correct process in changing a deed restriction on the Joanne Lamprey deed. Legal counsel will be sought and if necessary, a warrant prepared in time for the March 2007 election.

### Request for trapping

Members addressed a written request from Mr. Parsons to trap fur-bearing animals on Town property. **After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted** to disapprove the request.

### Handbook for New Hampshire's Municipal Conservation Commissions

**After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted** to purchase ten copies of the handbook for new and existing members.

### State Conservation Commission Dues

**After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted** to authorize the payment of \$248.00 for the Conservation's membership yearly dues.

### Miscellaneous

Remaining items of correspondence reviewed were the Conservation Commission Annual Meeting in November and the Forest Laws Workshop for municipal officials in Henniker. Anyone interested was encouraged to register and attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Perkins  
Secretary