

## NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2007 – 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, and Alternates Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson. Patty O'Connor arrived after the first two votes.

### 2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

February 13, 1007

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

February 27, 2007

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

### 3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled until next meeting.

### 4) NEW BUSINESS

Follow up action from February 27, 2007 non-public session

*After a motion, duly seconded*, it was voted that action regarding the first parcel discussed at last month's non-public session be tabled at this time.

*After a motion, duly seconded*, it was voted to approve and schedule a public hearing on the NH Forever recommended purchase presented at the February 27, 2007 meeting.

Chris Kane – Report of Database compilation (conservation easements and town-owned properties)

Chris Kane told the Commission that North Hampton has an impressive amount of acreage in conservation. He estimated that there is approximately 1,000 acres at this time. He is identifying each parcel that has a conservation easement on it and those that are owned by the town to see if each is legally protected. Chris identified those that need to have further research and/or additional action. His final report will include a synopsis of each property, maps, and recommendations on securing the property.

Discussion followed regarding the slivers of placed in conservation in conjunction with Planning Board approved subdivisions. Members again reiterated that these parcels do not benefit the town, but simply add to the acreage which must be monitored. Members also talked about the requirements of monitoring conservation land, that the 1,000 acres is an unmanageable volume for a volunteer, un-trained Commission, and that the responsibility of monitoring could be assumed by third party trusts.

#### Colin Gagnon- Eagle Scout Project Update

Colin had several trail marker tags to show the Commission. He has almost completed flagging the trail. Cost estimates for the bridge to extend the length of the trail is prohibitive. Colin will begin work on the parking area once the ground dries. A question arose about hunters using the trail; Chris will check with the town administrator regarding the liability. Chris asked Colin for any referrals of future eagle scouts who would be interested in creating a hiking trail on the former Dustin property.

### **5) OTHER BUSINESS**

#### NH Forever Update

Chris provided a brief update on pending NH Forever activity. Future site walks were discussed.

#### Fogg Conservation Land

Mrs. Lessard called regarding the wood debris left from a microburst. Although a neighbor had expressed an interest in taking the wood, he has not yet done so. Members confirmed that Mrs. Lessard, as the property owner, has the final say is what is done with the wood.

#### Property Map 009-001-011

Chris reported that a signed corrective deed can be presented to the Selectmen for their signature. He said that Michelle will draft the language for the corrective deed as the intent was for it to be in conservation.

#### Winterberry Subdivision Conservation Easement slivers

The approved subdivision plan shows conservation easement parcels on each new lot and a future conservation easement is referenced in each property deed; however, the easements have never been completed. The members authorized Chris to get a legal opinion on the Commission's next step.

#### Updated Conservation Parcels Spreadsheet

Chris said he has added a parcel and asked members to look it over for accuracy.

### **6) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from NHDES re: approved expedited wetlands permit for Sagamore Golf Club.
- Letter from State's Heritage Bureau re: request for information for State's database on wildlife, rare plants and nature communities.
- NH Lakes Host Program – 2007. Not applicable as Town does not have eligible lake.
- Saving Special Places Conference, April 14, Londonderry, 8:30 – 4:30. Series of seminars and lectures sponsored by Southeast Land Trust and Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Perkins  
Secretary