

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes – June 12, 2007

1) ROLL CALL

Present when the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. was Chris Ganotis, Chairman, Lee Brooks, Brian Chevalier, Stan Knowles, Alternates Peter Simmons and Lisa Wilson, and Selectman's Representative Emily Creighton.

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Minimum Impact Expedited Application
Ebert Dietrich
266 Atlantic Avenue, Map 014 Lot 034-001
Install culvert and fill 867 feet of wetland on an existing woods road

Members reviewed the plan and application. **After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted to table action pending review of a soils map.

- b) NHDES Wetlands Complaint #2002-1906 Confalone, 41 Causeway Road, Rye and North Hampton letter from David Price

The letter dated May 31, 2007 from NH DES to James Confalone was reviewed. The letter confirmed that the site is now in satisfactory condition and no remedial measure will be carried out at this time. The next monitoring report is due by December 1, 2007. Chris recalled the Conservation Commission letter sent to the Planning Board recommending that no action be taken on the Confalone subdivision approving pending completion of the restoration order.

3) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- May 8, 2007 Public Hearing

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

- May 8, 2007 Regular Meeting

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

4) TREASURER'S REPORT – June 12, 2007

Members reviewed the report provided by John. **After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted to accept the report as presented.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Colin Gagnon – Eagle Scout Project Update

Colin was unavailable and will be contacted to attend the July meeting.

b) Boies Preserve encroachment

An update on the status of the encroachment will be obtained from the building inspector.

c) GFI Greystone Monitoring Fees

Greystone's attorney has not been in touch since his last correspondence. Chris talked about the possibility of using bond funds held by the Planning Board.

d) Robie Parcel Update

Chris reported that soils survey part of the appraisal and land survey have been completed. Phil Wilson of NH Forever told the Commission that the setback to the wetlands only allowed for one buildable lot. The sale price was then revised to \$1,438,000, not including the 11-acre Hampton parcel. **After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted to proceed with the purchase with the revised purchase price of \$1,438,000.

e) Eaton Parcel Corrected Deed

Chris confirmed that the letter is being sent to Mark Wojicki for signing of the corrected deed to the Eaton property.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

- Chris read a letter he will be sending to the Fuller Foundation to thank them for the \$6,000 grant. This will be used for a wildlife assessment on various conservation parcels. Members agreed that a written report with an action plan or recommendations to encourage wildlife is an important component in the assessment.
- A memo from Interim Town Administrator Philip Munck regarding required public hearings on accepting grants was read to the membership. Subsequently, the Commission agreed to comply with the requirement to schedule a hearing for the acceptance of the grant and the encumbrance of funds to Fiscal 2008.
- Chris indicated that he wrote a letter to Mr. Woodworth regarding renewed vehicular traffic on the Fogg conservation land as he has received a telephone call that the logs have been removed at the road entrance. He will indicate, again, that vehicular traffic is not allowed and a preventive measure will be used at the property. Should Mr. Woodworth wish to use the road, the letter instructed him to contact the Conservation Commission for access.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment notice to Conservation Commission for the May 22, 2007 meeting. Members discussed the 100 Woodland Road application. Chris asked if there was any specific wetland issue, and, if so, suggested that the Conservation Commission review the plan and recommend that before any action is taken on the application by the ZBA, the Commission should prepare comments regarding potential wetlands impact, if any, on this and abutting or surrounding parcels. Discussion followed on increased density resulting from variances to 2-acre zoning and potential drinking water well impact. **After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted**, with Peter and Chris abstaining, to send a letter to the ZBA requesting that before any action is taken, the Conservation Commission would like to review the soils and wetlands impact for this and abutting

parcels. Peter said he objected as he felt the Conservation Commission would be overstepping its authority since the applicant had not asked for wetlands impact relief.

- Zoning Board of Adjustment notice to Conservation Commission for the June 26, 2007 meeting. Applications for 1 Fern Road, 68 Lovering Road and 112 Mill Road are scheduled to be heard that evening. Members confirmed that the Commission would like to review the applications to determine potential impact on on-site or surrounding wetlands. Members discussed their obligation under RSA 36a to recommend and/or advise on wetlands impact. They felt it was their obligation to review whether any application affects wetlands. **After a motion, duly seconded, it was voted**, with Chris and Peter abstaining, to also include reviews of the 1 Fern Road, 68 Lovering Road, and 112 Mill Road applications and assess potential wetlands impact on the subject and surrounding parcels.
- NH Lakes Association Conference scheduled for Friday June 29, 2007 in Concord.
- UNH Recreation Survey – Lee to complete and submit.

7) OTHER BUSINESS

- The Conservation Commission will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 for the Dalton, 8.9 acres. Phil Wilson explained that it is the Dalton Tree Farm on Exeter Road. The purchase price is \$215,000 and Phil opined that it was a beautiful piece of land. It was suggested that the parcel has potential for a Town Forest and the Commission could sponsor a warrant article next year.
- A web site inquiry was received regarding a list of public lands available for hiking. A brochure was suggested as a future Eagle Scout project. The Fogg, Treat, Demogenes, and the Marston Farm properties are offered as open to the public.
- A question arose regarding a drainage trench on Buckskin Lane. The building inspector will be asked to investigate.
- Peter questioned why the Commission is focusing on the Salomon property when the applicant is not seeking wetlands relief. Chris clarified that the Commission is asking the Zoning Board for information to determine whether there is any wetlands or soil types for the parcels as it might impact the surrounding area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Perkins
Secretary