

1) ROLL CALL

Present when the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. was Chris Ganotis, Chair, Lee Brooks, Vice-Chair, Shirley Carter, Brian Chevalier, Stanley Knowles, John Peterson, Alternate Lisa Wilson and Selectmen Representative Emily Creighton. *Patty O'Connor arrived later as indicated.*

2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- March 11, 2008

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

- March 18, 2008

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

- April 8, 2008

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

3) TREASURER'S REPORT . tabled until next meeting.

Patty arrived at this time.

4) OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Hiking trail/Eagle Scout Project

Members discussed the progress made in clearing and completing the trail. Several members mentioned seeing evidence of off-road vehicles during walks on the property. Chris read from RSA Chapter 215A (a:34) which prohibits off-road vehicles on conservation property. This statute allows the Conservation Commission to post signs prohibiting such vehicles. This restriction is enforceable by the police department and violators can be prosecuted by the Conservation Commission.

Members felt it was important to educate the public about allowed and prohibited uses on conservation property. Information will be disseminated to the residents through the Town's website, Channel 22, and the newsletter. Lisa will research signage that will provide continuity and uniformity easily identifying conservation parcels such as those that easily designate state parks or recreation areas.

After a motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize Chris to look for signs in accordance with RSA 215 A (a:34) for six conservation parcels and to provide Channel 22 with educational information as discussed.

The remaining work on the trail was reviewed and summarized as: markers, paint, signs, walkways over the stream crossings, water testing for the natural spring, a handrail at the spring bridge, a post and rail and bench at the entranceway. *After a motion, duly seconded*, it was unanimously voted to authorize Chris to spend up to \$500 on the varied and sundry expenses necessary for the Town of North Hampton hiking trail.

2. Update on Dupont land donation

The environmental assessment came back negative. Mr. Dupont is expected to return the signed transfer papers shortly and the Conservation Commission will apply for a tax abatement for the current tax bill.

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..., the licensed forester retained by the Commission, walked the property. Dave has begun writing the management plan. He questioned the size of the culvert at the entranceway so as to confirm the allowable weight for logging trucks to access the property. Stan also explained that the roadway needs to be straightened so as to remain on Town land. *After a motion, duly seconded*, it was unanimously voted to place a memorial plaque in honor of Glen Dalton on the Town Forest land. Members felt that an appropriate sized rock or boulder from the property with a bronze plaque affixed would be an appropriate and fitting gesture of appreciation.

4. Update on State Grants

- Technical Assistance Grant

Chris walked the Little River Salt Marsh, the head of the Winnicut River at South Road, the town wells near Winnicut Road and Lovering Road with the contractor from VHB. They saw the freshwater encroachment and excessive flow of algae at the marsh and he opined that the grant will mitigate the continued deterioration of the buffer area. Chris felt that the tour gave the contractor a very good idea of the concerns with respect to the contamination of the watershed areas in North Hampton, specifically, the salt marsh, Little and Winnicut Rivers and town wells near the Winnicut River.

- Little River Restoration Grant

The project has been approved and is awaiting funding.

- NRCS . also awaiting funding.

5. Re-appointments to the Commission

Emily announced that the Board of Selectmen approved Shirley and Lee for three-year re-appointments to the Commission. She acknowledged and thanked them for their continued commitment and efforts on behalf of the Town.

5) NEW BUSINESS

1. North Hampton Forever Update

The Jenkins property closing is pending receipt of funds from NRCS. Another potential parcel is being re-surveyed for the landowner to set aside a building parcel.

2. ZBA Correspondence

William Hawkes, Map 6 Lot 40, Walnut road

The correspondence and plan received from Jones and Beach were discussed. Members reiterated and re-confirmed their earlier recommendation to the ZBA for denial of the plan as the house sits on the edge of the wetlands, and the proposal is not in the public interest or in the spirit and intent of the ordinance.

viewed the Greystone Village agreement to pay for
le explained that any wetlands impact would not occur until
Phase III of the development which will require Planning Board approval. Phil said that the
Planning Board will make sure that a surety is in place for monitoring prior to approval of Phase
III.

6) CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Shoreland Protection Act

The law was passed and is effective in July 2008. Chris summarized the comprehensive
standards as defined by RSA 483.b. This statute will limit impervious surface areas and require
setbacks for all new septic systems determined by soil characteristics, 75 feet from rivers and
areas where there is no restrictive layer within 18 inches.

- Rockingham Planning Commission

Seminars titled Managing Stormwater with low impact development in Northern New England
being offered on various dates, times and places sponsored by DES. Chris has information for
those interested.

- Nature Conservancy Seminar

Scheduled for June 19 titled %ceans in peril/restoring oceans and coasts.

- Winnacunnet High School Senior Seminar Project

High school senior Samantha Thayer completed her seminar project on the historical study of the
Leavitt Farm. Once the essay is complete, the notebook will be available for the public in the
North Hampton Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Perkins
Secretary