

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2009

1) **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Shirley Carter, Patty O'Connor, Alternates Lisa Wilson and Philip Thayer and members of the public, Robert Field, Esq., Greg Sancoff and North Hampton Forever Co-Chair, Phil Wilson.

2) **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

*After review of minutes, a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Shirley and voted unanimously affirmative, with Patty and John abstaining, to approve the minutes as presented.*

3) **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

February 24, 2009 – Site Walk

Not enough members who attended the February 24 meeting were present to approve minutes. The vote on approval of the minutes was tabled.

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Monthly financial statements were not available for the meeting, so the Treasurer's report was tabled.

5) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. NH Association of Conservation Commission dues - \$250.00

Received invoice for 2009 Conservation Commission dues. *A motion was made by Patty, seconded by John, to approve payment of \$250 for Commission dues.*

2. Conservation maps from Rockingham Planning Commission

After being reviewed by the Board, approval was made for payment for charges by the Rockingham County Planning Commission for maps and miscellaneous supplies for mounting and lamination.

## 6) OLD BUSINESS

### **ZBA Correspondence:**

#### **1) Update on ZBA correspondence regarding independent review of proposed variance, Case 2009-1, 112 Mill Rd., Lot 6-147**

The Commission has retained Dr. Leonard Lord, PhD to give an independent assessment of the wetlands impact of the proposed plan. He has completed a site walk and preliminary report on the site review and made preliminary recommendations:

- 1) drain the pool and impervious surface area by pumping into the proposed well field
- 2) the flower garden surrounding the pool should be left intact to intercept runoff
- 3) minimize the use of fertilizers in the area surrounding the pool to mitigate algae formation

Dr. Lord will have a report by the end of this week.

It was suggested that Dr. Lord attend the ZBA meeting on March 24th at the Commission's expense. *A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Philip Thayer* to approve Dr. Lord's attendance regarding this case. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Public Session**

Atty. Field showed the Commission a copy of The State of NH – Town of N. Hampton – Zoning Board of Adjustment – Case #2008-12 in re: Peter Horne Trustee, H.T.L.A.E.H. Nominee Trust document. He expressed a concern to a prior approval last July, raising questions regarding the number of stories in a proposed garage and the installation of plumbing, additional rooms and a new septic system. He added that trees were also cleared, the ground was disturbed and vegetation was removed. He added that these activities would result in additional surface water runoff into Mill Pond.

Mr. Sancoff also expressed his concern and requested that an expert be retained to assess how surface water runoff from the building and surrounding landscape might affect Mill Pond.

Atty. Field and Mr. Sancoff indicated that there are many more questions than answers given regarding this matter.

#### **2) ZBA application for wetlands setback relief for Case 2009-3, 134 Walnut Ave, Lots 019-003-005 and Lot 015-017**

After discussion the Commission determined that it would not object to a variance. It would be agreeable to give up a small amount of wetlands in order to potentially gain nearly 70 acres of protected Conservation land behind the proposed subdivision.

### **Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Phase II Update**

It is questionable on whether or not the work can be done this spring.

### **Guest Speakers Series Lectures: Update on Guest Speakers Program**

The first lecture is scheduled to be held on April 14 at 7:00 PM at the Library featuring Sandy Crystall of the DES Wetlands Bureau.

## 7) OTHER BUSINESS

### ZBA Correspondence

The Commission will deliver correspondence to the ZBA on the Walnut Ave. parcel and Dr. Lord's report.

### **Water Testing Program**

Philip Thayer offered to oversee with water sampling program in the Winnicut and Little River watersheds and other locations where potential water contamination may be present.

### **North Hampton Forever Update**

- Phil Wilson has spoken with Chris Greenwald of the Federal Farm and Ranch Protection Program regarding federal grant approval of the application for the Jenkins easement.
- Negotiations continue on the Corbett easement.
- Phil has not heard anything recently regarding the United Church of Christ (UCC) title from UCC's attorney, Bill Boesch.

### **Planning Board Correspondence**

The Commission's letter was sent outlining its recommendations regarding the Skowronsky conservation subdivision plan. The letter was accepted and the Planning Board incorporated the Commission's recommendations into the Conditional Approval of the subdivision.

## 8) OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa will pursue an Estuaries Project technical assistance grant for removal of invasive plants from the entrance to the Town Forest, which was discussed.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Patty and seconded by Shirley to adjourn the meeting.* The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore