

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2009

1) 1) **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Shirley Carter, Patty O'Connor, Philip Thayer, Select Board Representative Emily Creighton and Alternates Phil Wilson and Lisa Wilson.

2) 2) - **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

*December 9, 2008 Regular Meeting*

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

3) ~~3)~~ - **TREASURER'S REPORT**

~~a)a)~~ - Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Ganotis as of December 31, 2008. Motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Lee to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously. ~~Motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Lee to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.~~

4) ~~4)~~ <sup>b)a)</sup> - **NEW BUSINESS**

a) ~~a)~~ There was none reported.

5) ~~5)~~ - **OLD BUSINESS**

a) Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Phase II Update

An update was received from the Rockingham County Conservation District, describing a Volunteer Time Sheet and work needed to be done to complete the permitting and begin construction.

*A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Lee for authorization for the Commission Chair to sign an expedited permit application. The motion was passed unanimously.*

b) Conservation Parcels signs/signposts

Lisa Wilson was unable to take photos due to the ice storm last month. It was suggested to have a flyer to show people where to park. Permanent signs cannot be put up presently, however temporary signs can be put up in the spring after the timber harvest. It was suggested that the chain and “No Trespassing” sign be taken down from the entrance since the Town Forest is public property and also to have it partially plowed for individuals who snow shoe. It was also suggested that a flyer should also be printed to list conservation parcels.- Several parcels are being considered for new signs.. There was further discussion about placing land that the Town acquired through tax settlements into conservation.

c) Guest Speakers Series Lectures

It was -suggested to see if the library staff co-ordinate this. There are many conservation topics that can be discussed by guest speakers.

d) The North Hampton Town Conservation Map

Chris had coordinated with the Rockingham Planning Commission for the updating and printing of the map of conservation parcels in Town. In addition to conservation parcels, the map shows wetlands, poorly drained soils and boundaries.

*A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Patty* to approve up to \$500 instead of \$350 as previously approved to cover the cost of making the map.

*Another motion was made by Shirley and seconded by Lee* to reimburse Chris \$14 for the cost of the printing, laminating and making copies of the map.

Both motions were voted unanimously affirmative to approve.

6) ~~6~~ - **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) ~~a)~~—North Hampton Forever Update

Phil Wilson, Co-chair of North Hampton Forever, indicated that there will be another meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to further discuss delays in approval of the appraisals for the FRPP Grant application for the Jenkins property-. There is still ongoing work to meet the requirements to close the CELCP Grant application-. A third North Hampton Forever project comprising about 75 acres is also still pending.

b) ZBA Correspondence: Case # 2009-1, Pool, deck and pump pad within wetland setback

Chris received the application from the ZBA for Case #2009-01 (Peter Horne Trust) for a variance to permit a swimming pool in the 100 ft wetlands setback which abuts Mill Pond. There was discussion regarding the technical information needed to make a recommendation to the Zoning Board.

*A motion was made by Shirley and seconded by Patty* to retain an Independent Wetlands Scientist or other expert Consultant to review the application, to conduct a site walk with the Conservation Commission and to assist the Conservation Commission in preparing its recommendations on the variance. Further, the Conservation Commission should request that the ZBA secure permission from the landowner for the site walk. In addition, the applicant should provide soils information within the wetlands setback and provide a stormwater runoff mitigation plan.

The motion was voted unanimously to approve.

Chris will draw up a letter and consult with Rockingham County Conservation District and/or the Conservation Law Foundation for suggested names of experts who might be considered to conduct the review.

c) Planning Board Correspondence

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Conservation Subdivision Plan being presented to the Planning Board by Attorney Robert Field. It was suggested that the applicant place the stewardship of the proposed conservation land with a third-party trust.

7) **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two letters were received from the DES regarding its approvals of permits for a pond at 21 Chapel Road and construction of a house at Tax Map 1, Lot 40 on Ocean Blvd.

Chris will send a thank you note to Cliff ~~Sinnottenet~~, Executive Director of the Rockingham Planning ~~Council~~Commission, concerning Rob Pruyne's great job he did on the Conservation Parcels map.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Phil, seconded by Lee to adjourn the meeting*. The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore

