

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2009

1) **ROLL CALL & ADMINISTRATIVE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Shirley Carter, Patty O'Connor, Stanley Knowles, and Alternates Lisa Wilson and Peter Simmons. ~~_-~~ North Hampton Forever Co-Chair, Phil Wilson was also present.

2) **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

April 15, 2009 Regular Meeting

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Patty O'Connor to approve the minutes as written. It was voted unanimously affirmative with Peter Simmons abstaining.

3) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Last month's report was approved as presented. John Peterson reported that this month's statement has not yet been received.

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Phragmites Control Pilot Project: Dave Kellam indicated by a telephone discussion that the previous phragmites site proposal he was considering may not be suitable because of the small diameter of the stems.
- b. Chris Ganotis sent a letter to Mrs. Parkhurst to indicate the Commission's interest in the land locked parcel discussed at the last meeting. The parcel is surrounded by sub division plan conservation land.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

ZBA Correspondence

- i. ZBA application for wetlands setback relief for Case 2009-3, 134 Walnut Ave, Lots 019-003-005 and Lot 015-017. A letter was sent on March 16 to the ZBA and is in the ZBA's public record. The Zoning Board still needs to select a full Board to review the case.
- ii. Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Phase II Update
The expedited permit submitted to DES could not be approved by DES in time to do excavation this spring. The permit review is still pending.. This project will have to wait until the fall.

iii. Guest Speakers Series Lectures:

There will be a presentation on May 19 by Mr. Phil Auger, UNH Extension Service. He will be giving options for placing land into conservation.

There will be a presentation on June 25 by Mary Currier, Executive Director of Rockingham County Conservation District. She will be speaking on terms and conditions in conservation easements.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS**

- ZBA Correspondence

The Case 2009-03 application was continued with the ZBA. There are no other wetland items in the May agenda.

- North Hampton For Ever Update – FRPP Grant Update

The closing on the Jenkins property will be on/about May 19.

- Planning Board Correspondence: Confalone Subdivision

There was discussion regarding the Confalone DES order to restore the Bass Beach wetlands and the commission's recommendation regarding the application to the Planning Board. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that the Planning board should arrange for contracting with a wetlands expert to analyze what the effect is of surface water run-off in Bass Beach marsh. It was suggested that no fertilizer be used on lawns near the marsh and lawns should only be mowed to a six inch height. ***A motion was made by Shirley Carter, seconded by Stanley Knowles*** that a letter be sent by the Chair to recommend to the Planning Board that an environment analysis /impact study-, appropriate to the scope of the project for the size of the subdivision, be conducted by a third party wetlands expert and that the analysis work be arranged by the Planning Board. ***The Motion was passed unanimously.***

. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Regarding the September, 2005 letter sent to Phil Monk on 4 lien tax parcels. At the time, the Commission agreed to accept the four parcels which abutted conservation land at Exeter Road, Squire Drive, Hobbs Parcel and Mace Parcel. This matter is still pending as no response has been received yet from the Selectman.

b. -Chris Ganotis sent a notice of the speaker series to all town boards.

c. There were further questions asked regarding permit status for the Little River Salt Marsh restoration project, Phase 2. There was a preliminary indication of -lead in the soil in the marsh, based on soil samples that were taken. Since the Grant funding for this project will expire in the fall, DES must resolve the soils issue in the permit.

d. -Lisa Wilson indicated that she is still working on the Conservation signs for the Town Forest. Stanley Knowles mentioned that he met with two state employees and they said that the state

will not erect any signs for any logging operation. A “Slow Down” sign can be put up along frontage near the entrance. All trees have been marked that need to come out through the street entranceway. The culvert width is fine but it is beginning to deteriorate at its ends. Mr. Kendall Chevalier has ok’d the use of fill for the entrance and trees have been marked for clearing the entrance. It was suggested to put two large stones at the beginning of the entrance to make it easier to show where it is and move the barrier in 50 feet to park safely off of the road. Lisa will take some photos and bring to the next meeting. It was suggested to ask John Hubbard for ideas in moving the granite posts to the site for supporting the signs.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Stanley Knowles* to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Moore