

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2009

1) ROLL CALL & ADMINISTRATIVE

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Shirley Carter, Stanley Knowles, Patty O'Connor, and alternates Philip Thayer, Lisa Wilson and Peter Simmons. North Hampton Forever Co-Chair, Phil Wilson was also present.

2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

May 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson to approve the May minutes. It was voted unanimously affirmative to approve the minutes as presented.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

John Peterson presented the report. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Shirley Carter, duly seconded by Stanley Knowles to approve the report.* The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Funding Town Forest improvements were discussed and how to implement the Town Forest Plan, including selective thinning and removal of unhealthy trees. A timber harvest is being planned. Stanley Knowles made a presentation reporting that John Hubbard, Town Public Works Director, volunteered to transport ~~90 90~~ cubic yards of gravel from stockpiled cemetery gravel. Mike Fritz will be contracted to do the excavating for a cost of ~~approximately~~ \$1,500 for his services. A 15% severance tax based on stumpage would add an additional approximately \$300-\$500. Chris Ganotis has left a message with the Assessor's office requesting needed support from the Town Administrator to waive the timber tax. The logger is awaiting the Town's decision before proceeding. The right of way is being moved from across the Dalton's land so that the entrance will be clear. The total cost for the ~~project~~ will be \$2,500-\$3,000. Kendall Chevalier is providing the gravel from cemetery excavation. Any revenues ~~ss~~ from sold logs will go back into the Town Forest account. Stanley Knowles will oversee this project. A "CLOSED" sign will be put up during the infrastructure repairs and logging. Chris Ganotis will arrange for this sign. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Shirley Carter to withdraw \$3,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund #8 checking account and transfer it ~~red~~ into a separate Town Forest special account for this project.* The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) ZBA Correspondence: ZBA application for wetlands setback relief for Case 2009-3, 134 Walnut Ave, Lots 019-003-005 and Lot 015-017. This is being reviewed by the Zoning Board. There is nothing new to report at this time. A few accompanied the ZBA on a site walk on Monday, June 8th.
- b) Guest Speaker Series Lectures: Chris Ganotis suggested that this event be canceled until the fall due to schedule issues related to vacations. It was suggested to possibly offer refreshments and to send an email out to other Conservation Commissions in the area, inviting them in the fall also. **A motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Shirley Carter to delay speakers sessions until September for the next lecture. It was voted unanimously affirmative.**

6) OTHER BUSINESS

- a) ZBA Correspondence:
The owners of 7 Old Locke Road have submitted an application requesting a new septic system. The commission reviewed the application. ***A motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Stan Knowles- that the Conservation Commission has no objection to the design and location of the proposed septic system, since it was believed to be an improvement over the prior system.*** The motion passed unanimously.

North Hampton Forever Update

Phil Wilson, Co-Chair, reported that after 3 years, the Jenkins property transaction has been closed on and North Hampton Forever is awaiting collection of funds from the federal Farm and Ranch Protection Program.

- b) Planning Board Correspondence
The Planning Board has written to the Commission asking the Commission to consider whether an environmental impact analysis be conducted for the Horne subdivision plan. It was also suggested that Dr Leonard Lord be contracted to do the review since he had previous experience with the site from a recent Zoning Board application. The Commission deliberated on this request. ***A motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Stanley Knowles, that the Commission send correspondence to the Planning Board to advise them that they arrange to contract for the environmental impact analysis and to recommend that Dr. Lord to do the study.*** The vote was affirmative with one opposed.
- c) Summer Schedule for meetings
It was suggested to cancel the July 14th meeting due to vacations and the difficulty in getting a quorum in July. ***A motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Phil Thayer to cancel July's meeting.*** The motion was passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th.

7) OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) The DES and EPA conducted a red dye tracing study and water testing study on May 18th at the area where the Little River flows near North Hampton State Beach.

The flow of the river water into the ocean had a presence of bacteria in the ocean based on prior water tests of the river. Algae was also found in the river last year. The Commission will monitor the ongoing activities on water testing and results from this study.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded By-by Stanley Knowles to adjourn the meeting.* The motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore