

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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), Stanley Knowles, Alternates Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson and Mike Coutu, Select Board Representative. Also in attendance were North Hampton Forever Co-Chair, Phil Wilson, and guests Sonya Carlson, DES, Jessica Devoid, DES, Sally Soule, DES, Ken Hickey, FB Environmental, Corey Miles, Aquarion/Geosphere Environmental Management; Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental and Carl McMorran, Sagamore Driving Range.

2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Lee Brooks to approve the June 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 Mike Coutu, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to approve the report.* The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4) NEW BUSINESS

1. DES Update, Little River DES/US EPA Water dye testing results and next steps
Sonya Carlson reported that the DES and US/EPA conducted a red dye tracing study and water testing study at the area where the Little River flows near North Hampton State Beach. Little River is a well documented bacteria source to the beach. The beach has been tested twice a week and review of the study showed bacteria and algae from the river. The State Beach is of concern where the Little River empties near the beach. Sally Soule reported that a pre-proposal for a watershed study is due on September 4th. Full proposals are due in December. *A motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Lee Brooks for the Conservation Commission to participate in the pre-proposal for September 4th.* The motion unanimously passed.
2. Expedited permit: Aquarion/Geosphere Environmental Management
Corey Miles, Aquarion Water Company of NH reported that there is a 25 foot wide drainage easement for a replacement of an existing leaking pipe between

Country Club Estates and Fairway drive. An expedited permit is proposed to replace the pipeline. This will have minimal impact to the ground's surface, since the replacement pipe can be placed underground through the existing pipe, which will then permit looping mains to enhance the features of the water system, replacing the current service. It will take approximately 13 days for construction. ***A motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks to allow expedited permits and approve the application.*** The motion was unanimously affirmative.

3. Dredge and Fill Permit, Sagamore Driving Range: Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental

Luke Hurley showed a picture of the farm pond on the driving range's property and requested that the pond be filled in. ***After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Coutu, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to not object to filling the farm pond.*** The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Parcel Map 2, Lot 71 Offer For Sale: Mr. Neil Moore

Chris Ganotis reported that Mr. Neil Moore inquired as to whether the Conservation Commission would like to purchase a landlocked parcel, eight tenths of an acre, near the Nilus Brook for \$3,000. Discussion ensued regarding the costs and benefits of the parcel. ***A motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Mike Coutu*** not to purchase it as the costs incurred would be more than the value of the parcel.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- Town Forest Timber Harvest Update

Stanley Knowles reported that \$931 was spent doing contractor excavation work under the direction John Hubbard to place a culvert and improve the entrance of the Town Forest. A thank you letter was sent to John and the Select Board for all of his hard work and time spent with this project. We are now ready for a town harvest. Licensed Forester David Dillaire is overseeing the project. Kendall Chevalier provided excess gravel from the cemetery. A sign – “Town Forest Closed” has been installed during the work on the Forest. With the entrance clearing, Mrs. Dalton, who lives next door to the forest, no longer has a tree buffer near the Forest. Lisa Wilson will get prices for the cost of 27 hemlock trees for buffer, which would be paid for with Town Forest funds.

6) OTHER BUSINESS

- ZBA Correspondence

The agenda for the next meeting include the continuation of the application of Dr. Corbett, who is seeking a wetlands buffer variance. The Commission has already stated its position in a letter to the ZBA.

- North Hampton Forever Update

Phil Wilson, North Hampton Forever Co-Chair, reported no new activities by the Committee.

- Planning Board
There was no new correspondence

7) OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colin Lawson, Doctorial Candidate from Antioch University, New England, proposed a working relationship with the Commission for a Winnicut River watershed study and grant application to EPA. He will be invited to our next meeting on September 8th.

Mary Currier, Executive Director of the Rockingham County Conservation District, agreed to speak at the next Speaker Series. Dr. Leonard Lord will be the new Director, taking over for Mary, who is retiring in September.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Stanley Knowles, duly seconded by Philip Thayer to adjourn the meeting.* The motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore