

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009

1) ROLL CALL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Shirley Carter, Stanley Knowles, John Peterson (Treasurer) and Alternates Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson. Members of the public included Phil Wilson, North Hampton For-Ever Co-Chair, Mr. Chris Andrews, Karen Schofield and Terri Brunette.

2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

After a brief period for Commission members to review the November minutes, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, seconded by Stanley Knowles, to approve the November minutes.* The motion was voted unanimously with John Peterson abstaining.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was tabled because updated Treasury account information from the banks was not available.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Lot 01-14, 4 Boulters Cove, Zoning Board Application

Karen Schofield requested stairways in front and back of their house, building on the existing foundation, with a front stoop and a stairwell from the back deck.

Also the change of use from a two to a three bedroom dwelling was referred to the Zoning Board. After a question and answer session and some discussion, *a motion was made by John Peterson, seconded by Lee Brooks for the Commission to make no objection to the application from Mr. & Mrs. Schofield to the changes to add the front and rear stairs to the home.*

5) OLD BUSINESS

Town Forest Timber Harvest

Stanley Knowles reported that stockpiled logs have not been removed yet because sawmills are not accepting logs right now due to poor economic conditions in the lumber market. He added that the lopping of branches and spreading of slash from the harvest was done well. Stan recommended that picking up and stockpiling of the lopping slash not be done, as it will decompose in place. Stumps that were left in the right-of-way are problematic in driving through the

right of way. Phil Thayer volunteered to cut the stumps with his chain saw. It was further agreed to wait until March to remove saw logs. For liability reasons, it was agreed to keep the "Closed" sign in place until then. Shirley Carter will speak with Mr. Kendall Chevalier regarding the stumps left in the right of way and ask the Town's Public Works Dept. if they could assist. Phil Thayer offered for the Boy Scouts to assist in clearing the right of way stumps in the spring.

Town Forest Signs

Lisa Wilson reported an estimate of cost of \$3,237 to purchase and install signs using two bronze plaques mounted on the Town's salvaged granite slabs at the Town Forest. ***A motion was made by Stanley Knowles, seconded by Philip Thayer to remove from the Capital Reserve #8 Checking Account, the amount of \$3,237 for the signage for the Dalton Town Forest.*** It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

6) OTHER BUSINESS

ZBA Correspondence

The ZBA application for the case for 4 Boulders Cove was deliberated in this meeting.

North Hampton Forever Update

Co-Chair Phil Wilson reported that there are no pending projects and the next meeting will be held on December 17th.

Planning Board Correspondence

The Planning Board acted on the Horne application without prejudice and no continuance.

The Planning Board requested that Mr. Thomas Nowak of 64 South Road, M/L 008-145-001 reconsider what he would like to do regarding the roadway in his backland and to consult with Dr. Lenny Lord, Rockingham Conservation District.

7) OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Ganotis reported on topics for the final 2009 quarterly Town newsletter with a summary of Commission accomplishments in 2009.

There being no further business, ***a motion was made by Lee Brooks, seconded by Stanley Knowles to adjourn the meeting.*** With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore,
Recording Secretary