

NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2010

**1) ROLL CALL AND 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, Brian Chevalier, Patty O'Connor, Philip Thayer, Select Board Rep Dick Wollmar and Alternates Lisa Wilson and Peter Simmons. Members of the public included Phil Wilson, North Hampton Forever Co-Chair and Shir Haberman, Editor, Hampton Union.

**2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 11, 2010 *After review of the May 11 minutes, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Shirley Carter, to approve the minutes as written.* It was voted unanimously with Peter Simmons abstaining.

**3) TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Peterson presented the report. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to approve the report.* The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

1. Greystone Village Plan continuance on revised plan discussion  
The Chair reported that he contacted the Southeast Land Trust (Brian Hart) and the Rockingham County Conservation District ( Dr. Leonard Lord) to request information on procedures required for taking land out of Conservation. Both responded that it was legally extremely difficult, possibly requiring a Court Order and/or approval from the State Attorney General's office. Both land trusts strongly recommended against taking land out of Conservation. The RCCD reported that it had discussions on this issue with John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering and engineer for new owner Joseph Roy. Since no representatives from the Greystone project were represented at the meeting, no actions were taken and the case was continued.

2. Rain Garden update  
Two rain gardens have been approved this year, even though they appeared to be sited in unsuitable locations. A contractor project is being considered to enumerate on required technical criteria for appropriate construction and operation of rain gardens

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Town Forest – Clean-up and property screening

Phil Thayer reported that the right of way needs to be cleared. Mrs. Dalton still has a few concerns regarding privacy on her property. Phil Thayer and Brian Chevalier will speak with her regarding maintaining her privacy and what her preference would be; possibly including a gate.

2. Placement of Parcels into Conservation and recording of deed restrictions  
Chris Ganotis has spoken with the Town Administrator who affirmed that all deeds have been recorded.

3. Commission Administration update: Policies and procedures update, membership terms, copying of easement files

- a) Three positions are open and Chris Ganotis has sent a letter to have the appointments of Brian Chevalier, Patty O'Connor and Philip Thayer be approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- b) The copying of easements will be done this summer as there will be more time available to do this by Town staff.
- c) Policies and Procedures were passed out and reviewed. These were approved in past meetings but the intent was to place them all in a single document.

***A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Patty O'Connor to adopt the Policies and Procedures as written.***

All were in favor of the motion. These will be posted on the Town's web page.

d) There was discussion concerning the splitting of wood logs near the Seavey Farm conservation parcel by the land owner of the conservation easement. When this issue first came to the attention of the North Hampton Forever committee in the spring, Chris contacted the owner to apprise him that commercial purposes are not allowed on conservation land. The easement allowed him to cut and split wood from his own property. He further acknowledged this and agreed to not bring wood into his reserved parcel for splitting.

4. Former Lamprey Homestead easement, Atlantic Ave. drainage

There was flooding of the Lamprey Conservation parcel alleged to be resulting from the Salt Marsh Restoration. It was concluded by the Commission and by soils and wetlands scientist Dr. Leonard Lord that it was believed to be fresh water flooding. Mr. Richard Robinson, who previously cleaned the drainage pipe was notified about this by Stan Knowles and Mr. Robinson indicated that he would follow up with Alan Perkins, the new property owner.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS**

ZBA Correspondence

Pending Cases

1. Map 6, Lot 147-2, 112 Mill Road Use of Mill Pond  
to meet lot requirement, ZBA Case 2010:02  
Continued to May Meeting

A question was raised as to the validity of the expert opinion. Chris Ganotis wrote to the Zoning Board stating that an expert can give an opinion regarding a body of water. The Zoning Board needs to decide the legal basis for given expert testimony. They will be meeting on June 9 to continue the case.

2. Map 6, Lot 108, 66 Woodland Road, ZBA Case 2010:01  
Continued to July Meeting  
Awaiting revised plans for the parcel. This will be discussed more at the Commission's next meeting.

3. North Hampton Forever update

A meeting will be called to discuss acquisition of land on that was presented to the North Hampton Forever committee.

4. Planning Board Correspondence  
Nothing new to report.

7) **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On June 9, the Rockingham County Planning Commission is holding their Annual Business Meeting and Awards in Derry from 6-9 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Lorraine Merrill.

On June 25, a Seacoast Land Trust Recreation Workshop will be held in Newfields from 1-4 p.m. This will be sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Shirley Carter, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.* With a Unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore  
Recording Secretary