

**Meeting Minutes**  
**North Hampton Conservation Commission**  
**March 8, 2011**

**Administrative**

**Roll Call**

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, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson (Alternate). Members of the Sub-Committee included Phil Wilson, North Hampton For Ever Co-Chair.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 11, 2011 Meeting

*After review of the January 11, 2011 minutes, which were tabled last month because a voting quorum from the January meeting was not present, a motion was made by Shirley Carter, duly seconded by Lee Brooks to approve the minutes as amended.* The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Meeting

*After review of the February 8, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Shirley Carter, to approve the minutes as written.* The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tabled until next month's meeting pending further information from Town Treasurer, Penny Holbert.

**Old Business**

Rockingham County Planning Commission

Theresa Walker continues to digitize and copy Conservation file documents with PREP grant funding and will also be completing a draft on technical limitations of rain gardens.

UCC Land Update

Chris Ganotis, Chair, received an amendment to the original contract of April 16, 2007 with the United Church of Christ. Title was cleared by the Final Judgment Decree on January 26, 2011 and the congregation voted in favor of proceeding with the transaction on a vote on February 15, 2007 with the purchase amount of \$30,000. All required Municipal Hearings, Recommendations and Approvals were completed to proceed with this transaction. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to authorize and approve the purchase including the purchase price, closing expenses, third party stewardship fees and other incidental expenses in total not to exceed \$50,000 and to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve #8 Fund for the purchase of the United Church of Christ parcel.* The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

North Hampton For Ever Update

No correspondence

There was a short recess to view the historic last flight of the Discovery Space Shuttle at 7:24 p.m. The Commission reconvened at 7:31 PM.

### **ZBA Correspondence**

An application for a frontage setback was placed on the ZBA March Agenda, for which Deborah Schreck is seeking a setback variance for constructing a new home on Mill Rd. In subsequent Commission discussion it was pointed out that since the application is for a front boundary setback variance, not a wetlands setback variance, the matter was deemed out of the Commission's jurisdiction. Consequently, no motion was made to make a recommendation to the Zoning Board on this application.

### **Planning Board Correspondence**

None

### **Other Correspondence**

Site walks for scheduling trail maintenance by Dan Brown is still being planned when the snow has melted.

Chris Ganotis submitted the Annual Report for the Conservation Commission to the Town. He summarized the report. He is also beginning to receive emails regarding invasive vegetation and water quality of rivers. A baseline water quality testing program will be done on the Winnicut River this spring with funds from the Fuller Foundation.

Lisa Wilson mentioned that she is waiting for the snow to melt to get in to the Town Forest to look it over to decide on a proper size of signs.

Discussion ensued regarding Commission terms and membership.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer*, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Moore

Recording Secretary