

**Meeting Minutes**  
**North Hampton Conservation Commission**  
**June 14, 2011**

**Administrative**

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer) and Philip Thayer. Members of the public included Rick Stoklosa and Robert Flagg.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 10, 2010 Meeting

*After review of the May 10, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to approve the minutes as written.* The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There was then some discussion regarding public comment by invitation of the Chair as agreed upon at the last meeting. It was suggested as a rule of procedure, that if a member of the public has a comment to make, but not invited to speak to the issue, it should be submitted in writing and discussed by the Commission at a future meeting and as an agenda item. *A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, that this be adopted as a rule of procedure.* The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

John Peterson presented the report. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to approve the Treasurer's Report.* The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

Rockingham County Planning Commission

Theresa Walker has almost completed with PREP grant funding, the project of digitizing and copying Conservation file documents. The draft on technical limitations of rain gardens has not yet been completed. Her hard work was acknowledged and appreciated.

Study of Forested land area in North Hampton: Status Report

Chris Ganotis received an invoice from Briana Trow for \$540.00 which included 10 hours of consultant time and 2 large and 3 small maps. She has been working on a project that will delineate the acreage of forested and other land classification areas in North Hampton and will be completed by next week.

Trail maintenance projects. Parcels: Dustin, Luff, conservation easement behind outlet mall, other

The Dustin property has been mowed and has begun to be cleared by Greg Harned. The right of way on the Luff property needs to be marked. Chris spoke to owners of

Sagamore Golf Club to discuss marking the right-of-way to the Conservation land behind the golf course. The Chair mentioned that he received approval from the land owner to begin trail work behind the outlet mall conservation easement land. Philip will coordinate the work with his scout troop. Chris Ganotis met with Dan Brown regarding the trail maintenance program. He will assist in clearing the land and may also work on trails on the Corbett property. The plan is for having 4-5 properties with trails by the end of the summer. ***A motion was made by Lee Brooks, seconded by John Petersen to pay Dan Brown an hourly rate to begin work, pending further discussions with Dan Brown after he reviews the trail sites.***

Annual brush and grass mowing, Marston Farm  
Walter Nordstrom will mow around the community garden and lower field. ***A motion was made by Philip Thayer, seconded by Lee Brooks to approve funding from the budget for a not-to-exceed amount of \$500 for this project.***

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Website  
The Chair mentioned that a public awareness task needs to be done to communicate information on the locations of all of the trails, trail maps, and other information that can be used such as parking availability. Discussion ensued with several approaches considered. Further action will be taken in future meetings.

Winnicut River Watershed Coalition Update: Water Quality Testing  
Awaiting plans for conducting the baseline water quality testing. Testing will be funded by part of a Fuller Foundation grant to the Winnicut River Coalition.

Conservation Correspondence Materials: mailings, files, document copying, map mounting  
Chris Ganotis would like to have a not to exceed amount approved for postage and miscellaneous expenses. ***A motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to set aside a fund for correspondence materials not to exceed \$150.00.*** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

Member Reappointments and New Appointments

A nice send-off was given to Shirley Carter at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Select Board Meeting. Public Reception was very favorable in acknowledging her 28 years on the Commission and over 50 years of town public service. Chris Ganotis introduced and would like to recommend Rick Stoklosa to the Select Board as a candidate to be a member on the Commission. Rick has lived in town the last 5 years and has a background in architectural design. ***A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to recommend Rick to the Select Board to be on the Commission.*** The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Another candidate request is pending.

**RSA 91A Right to Know Act:** Update, Review and Commission Members' Responsibilities for Compliance

This is an act that describes rights, responsibilities and limitations of members of public bodies. The Chair pointed out that Commission members should be knowledgeable in what limitations are to comply with the Act. He mentioned the example of electronic communication which

cannot be used such as emails, except for procedural matters, to conduct Commission business. Chris Ganotis sent out by a procedural e-mail of a memorandum by the Attorney General's office to describe the Act in greater detail. The Chair requested that a rule of procedure be adopted to conduct an annual discussion of the Right to Know Act be made to Conservation Commission members to update them on the Act.

ZBA Correspondence  
None

Planning Board Correspondence  
None

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative  
Jones and Beach Rain Garden Letter

Chris Ganotis received a letter from Jones & Beach that he would like to discuss further with them as he did not agree completely with their findings regarding the Rain Garden.

Honorary Members Resolution

Chris Ganotis suggested that a resolution be passed by the Commission to allow for Honorary Members of the Conservation Commission. He added that two former members, Stanley Knowles and Shirley Carter, should be the first to be inducted as honorary members and to attend any future Conservation Commission meetings. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to approve the Resolution to create an Honorary Membership on the Commission, with Stan Knowles and Shirley Carter being inducted as honorary members.*** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chris Ganotis will send a copy of other candidates letters to Conservation members so that they may, as private citizens, whether to recommend them as new appointees.

Public Comment Only by Invitation of the Chair  
None

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by John Peterson, to adjourn the meeting.*** The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore  
Recording Secretary