

Meeting Minutes
North Hampton Conservation Commission
August 9, 2011

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Rick Stoklosa, Philip Thayer, Anita Pounder and Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative to the Commission..

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the June 14, 2011 Meeting

Minutes which were tabled at the July 14, 2011 meeting due to members not present at the June were considered by members present at that meeting.. *After review of the June 14, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to approve the minutes as written.* The motion carried with Anita Pounder, Rick Stoklosa and Lisa Wilson abstaining.

Minutes of the July 12, 2011 Meeting

After review of the July 12, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried with Philip Thayer abstaining.

Treasurer's Report

John Peterson presented the Treasurer's Report, which was tabled at the July 12, 2011 meeting until August 9, 2011. The report was for the month of June, through the 30th, when the fiscal year ended. The Chair mentioned that the new Town Treasurer will be notified that CD's will be maturing. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to approve the report.* The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Rockingham County Planning Commission: File Copying Status
Theresa Walker has completed the project.

Study of Forested Land Area in North Hampton: Status Report

There is nothing new to report.

Trail Maintenance Projects: Parcels: Dustin, Luff, behind Outlet Mall, Other
The Outlet Mall Conservation easement land has been marked by Philip Thayer.
He will also assist Dan Brown with the Corbett land and will follow up with Dr. Windt regarding access to a footpath and allowing parking behind the bank.

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Web Site

Lisa Wilson summarized the Chris Kane Report to 12 pages to see where trails are located and how to number them. She mentioned that the Boise property was designated as a wildlife habitat and is not for public access.

Winnicut River Watershed Coalition Update: Water Quality Testing

Sampling has been done and completed and the DES is in the process of testing.

New Business

RSA 91A Right to Know Act: Electronic Correspondence Use and Limitations

The Chair presented a summary of what limitations and responsibilities are included in the 2008 new amendment made regarding electronic correspondence. Administrative emails are accepted, however any others are not. E-mailing is a complex issue and business of a meeting cannot be deliberated online. The Chair added that Steve Fournier is trying to get Paul Sanderson, an attorney with the Local Government Center, to speak on this Act at a public forum in North Hampton with other Town Boards.

Little River: North Hampton Beach Contamination Correspondence and Update

The Chair wrote a letter with concerns on contamination at North Hampton Beach, a public health issue and finding out where the pollution is coming from. He received an email from Public Health Officer, Dennis Cote, regarding possible funding sources for additional water quality testing from the Little River. The UNH Co-Op Ext Program and the NH DES may be able to assist with this, as the Select Board is taking this matter seriously and asking the North Hampton Conservation Commission to assist Health Officer Cote.

ZBA Correspondence

None

Planning Board Correspondence

None

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

Phil Wilson mentioned the Hazardous Event Mitigation Plan regarding the Old Locke Road flooding problem west of Bass Beach. Approximately ten years ago, a project was planned to place a large culvert beneath Route 1-A and beneath a berm from a former trolley line. About three years ago a meeting was held with the abutters with discussion on the trolley berm, which was causing the water to back up. However because it is on private property and the landowner objected to a culvert beneath the berm, nothing could be done by the DES and Dept. of Transportation. Ted Diers, who heads the DES Coastal Program, has additional information regarding this matter.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.* The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore, Recording Secretary