

Meeting Minutes
North Hampton Conservation Commission
September 13, 2011

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Chris Ganotis, Chair, Lee Brooks, Vice Chair, John Peterson, Treasurer, Anita Pounder, Rick Stoklosa, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson, Alternate. Members of the public included Charles Gordon, Arthur Nadeau, Glenn Martin, Richard Stanton and Phil Wilson, North Hampton For Ever Co-Chair.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the August 9, 2011 Meeting

After review of the August 9, 2011 minute, a motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Due to the bank statements not being sent out in time for the meeting, the report was tabled until the next meeting. Chair and Commission Treasurer will meet with the new Town Treasurer regarding CD's and all other accounts.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Phil Thayer reported that two scouts who had planned to assist with the trail behind the mall will no longer be available.

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Website

Rick Stoklosa reported that the parcel on Mill Road is eleven acres of woodland and accessibility parking is minimal. A "No Motorized Vehicles" sign is posted there. A sign needs to be posted in the far back on the right on the parcel. Lisa Wilson is continuing to work on the Kane Report review and has almost completed it for a new brochure to be printed and also put on the town's website.

Town Forest Signs

A resident mentioned to the Chair their concern regarding no hours being posted mentioning dawn to dusk. Two signs will be ready in two weeks with hours and mentioning "Private Property".

New Business

Little River: North Hampton Beach Contamination Correspondence and Update

The Chair received a draft proposal from FB Environmental regarding a budget for a bacterial contamination testing project to locate and give a status on the "hot spots" of

high levels of bacteria upstream and downstream that was done in 2010. Three options were given: 110 samples at a cost of \$11,792, 80 samples for \$9,000 or 55 samples for \$7,000. It was also mentioned that a professional would investigate once a month for three months with Rob Livingston. The Town Health Officer would make the final decision and do the work involved. Money from The Little River Salt Marsh Fund could be used and possibly from private grants. ***A motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to go with Option #1 for \$11,792 plus \$1,000 for FB Environmental and Rob Livingston's site inspections services.*** The motion carried. The Chair did research regarding the wetland area behind the Irving Station where E. coli is very high. The situation has become worse in the last 20 years. He put a historical summary of the Little River contamination on the website. Anita Pounder recommended a book called "The Ripple Effect" by Alex Prud Homm, which is about the history of water pollution in this country.

RSA 91A Right to Know Act: Procedures and Conservation purposes for entering into Non-Public session pursuant to RSA91A:3, II (d)

The Chair presented a summary of the procedures for entering, deliberating and adjourning a Non-Public Session.

ZBA Correspondence

Case 2011:07. Lot 7-136, 9 Hampshire Road

The Commission discussed the application for variances from a proposed leach field setback from wetlands and variance for setback in wetlands buffer at 9 Hampshire Road, owned by Glenn Martin where the leach field is required to have a 75' but a variance is proposed for 67'. A 50 ft setback is required, but the variance is applied for with 15-25 feet from wetlands. There was no consensus on making a recommendation to the ZBA, since additional information was needed to make recommendation supported with evidence. After much continuing discussion concerning wetlands impacts and setbacks, as well as septic system location and design, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by John Peterson, to take this issue under advisement.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Planning Board Correspondence

None

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

Pan Am may be possibly selling the abandoned land and train tracks, which are three miles long and sixty feet wide, where service hasn't been used for two years. The state would have right of first refusal. This land might be of interest to North Hampton and Portsmouth. It was suggested to contact Nancy Kinner, UNH Professor of Environmental Services.

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Anita Pounder, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.*** The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary